SENATE No. 2378

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court (2019-2020)

SENATE, October 21, 2019

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2019 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4132),-- reports (in part) a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2019 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (Senate, No. 2378).

[Direct Appropriation: \$770,900,000]

For the committee, Michael J. Rodrigues **SENATE No. 2378**

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An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2019 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which are forthwith to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2019 and to make certain changes in law, each of which is immediately necessary to carry out those appropriations or to accomplish other important public purposes, 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 supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act 2 and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2019, the sums set forth in section 2 are hereby 3 appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in this act or in 4 those appropriation acts, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this 5 act or in those appropriation acts, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public 6 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts 7 previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be 8 made available until June 30, 2020.

9 SECTION 2.

10 JUDICIARY

11	Committee for Public Counsel Services	
12	0321-1500	\$750,000
13	0321-1510	\$4,985,825
14	EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANC	E
15	Reserves	
16	1599-0026	\$4,000,000
17	1599-6903	\$20,500,000
18	1599-8910	\$7,800,000
19	Group Insurance Commission	
20	1108-5500	\$100,000
21	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFF	AIRS
22	Department of Agricultural Resources	
23	2511-0100	\$5,000,000
24	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	S
25	Office of the Secretary	
26	1595-1070	\$16,300,000
27	4000-0641	\$9,858,217
28	4000-0700	\$296,500,000

29		Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission	
30	4120-4000		\$630,000
31		Department of Youth Service	
32	4200-0010		\$300,000
33		Department of Public Health	
34	4590-1504		\$5,000,000
35		Department of Children and Families	
36	4800-0200		\$3,000,000
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38		MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	
39		Department of Transportation	
40	1595-6368		\$6,916,098
41	EXE	CUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPME	NT
42		Department of Housing and Community Development	
43	7004-0100		\$71,800
44	7004-9007		\$325,000
45		Division of Professional Licensure	

46	7006-0040		\$350,000
47		Division of Telecommunications and Cable	
48	7006-0071		\$150,000
49	E	XECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELO	PMENT
50		Office of the Secretary	
51	7003-0101		\$1,948,449
52	1595-1075		\$3,372,500
53		Gaming Economic Development Fund100%	
54		Department of Career Services	
55	7003-0800		\$4,495,579
56		EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION	
57		Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	
58	7035-0006		\$5,187,992
59	7061-0012		\$1,998,540
60	7061-9408		\$30,000,000
61	7061-9813		\$1,000,000
62		Department of Higher Education	
63	7066-0021		\$1.221.418

64	Cape Cod Community College
65	7504-0100\$100,000
66	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
67	Military Division
68	8700-1150\$8,702,548
69	SECTION 2A. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to
70	provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations, and to meet certain requirements
71	of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless
72	specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the several purposes and subject to the
73	conditions specified in this section, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
74	funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Except as otherwise stated, these sums shall be
75 76	made available until June 30, 2020.
77	SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
78	0521-0002 To implement early voting in the commonwealth for the presidential primaries as
79	required by section 53 of this act
80	EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
81	Reserves
82	1599-1214 For a reserve for expansion, upgrades or enhancements to staffing, operations or
83	infrastructure for new and existing facilities that treat men with an alcohol or substance use
84	disorder under section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws; provided, that the secretary of

administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that, not later than February 1, 2020, the secretary of administration and finance, in coordination with the secretary of health and human services. shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery a report on current and anticipated expenditures from this item; provided further, that the report shall also include information on the process and timeline for transferring all men who are civilly committed under said section 35 of said chapter 123 to either: (i) a facility approved by the department of public health or the department of mental health; or (ii) a secured facility approved by the department of public health or the department of mental health if a court makes a specific finding that the only appropriate setting for treatment for the person is a secure facility; provided further, that the report shall also detail the status of implementing the recommendations of the section 35 involuntary commitment commission established in section 104 of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018, including, but not limited to, the establishment of standards of medical care for patients who are committed under said section 35 of said chapter 123 and the procedures adopted to ensure continuity of care post-discharge between facilities under said section 35 of said chapter 123 and community-based facilities; and provided further, that the report shall also include recommendation on how to ensure sufficient access to facilities and services for patients who are committed under said section 35 of said chapter 123 in all regions of the commonwealth, prioritizing those regions currently lacking access to

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Office of the Secretary

1599-0718 For a reserve to fund the costs associated with efforts to enhance safety and mitigate
harms stemming from the increased presence of great white sharks in the Cape Cod region,
including, but not limited to, shark tagging, monitoring and surveillance activities and staff costs
associated therewith
2000 0102 F
2000-0102 For a program to provide consumer rebates and other consumer economic incentives
to reduce carbon emissions; provided, that rebates or incentives shall be provided for purchases or
to encourage other consumer behaviors that reduce carbon emissions from residential buildings
and small and medium-sized industrial, commercial, or institutional buildings, including, but not
limited to: heating, cooling and energy storage products and services; provided further, that the
consumer rebates or other consumer economic incentives shall be distributed in a manner that
ensures geographic equity and prioritizes communities with high percentages of low-income
households; and provided further, that not later than June 1, 2020, the executive office of energy
and environmental affairs shall provide a report to the house and senate committees on ways and
means and the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy that detail the identified
and selected rebates or incentives and, for each, shall include, but not be limited to the: (i)
application process; (ii) criteria for approval; (iii) status of implementation; (iv) current
expenditure level; (v) current estimate for reduction in emissions produced; (vi) estimated annual
fiscal impact; and (vii) estimated annual reduction in emissions\$5,000,000
2000-1012 For a grant program to support the commonwealth's agricultural, commercial fishing
and cranberry growing industries; provided, that grants from this program shall be allocated
equally for each industry; provided further, that the executive office for energy and environmental
affairs shall establish the grant program and application criteria in consultation with the department
of agricultural resources and the division of marine fisheries; provided further, that the executive

office shall prioritize grant applicants focused on innovative approaches to enhance environmental
benefits and encourage increased economic activity in its respective sector including, but not
limited to: (i) capital infrastructure improvements that promote energy efficiency; (ii) the purchase
or expanded use of renewable energy technologies; or (iii) tools to address barriers to economic
growth, including business management technical assistance and the purchase of more efficient
equipment and technology; provided further, that no grant recipient shall receive more than
\$100,000 from the grant program; and provided further, that not later than March 30, 2020, the
executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means
detailing the status of the grant program that shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the number of
grant applications, by industry; (b) the number of successful grant applicants, by industry; (c) the
amount of grant funding allocated for each successful applicant; (d) each successful grant
applicant's proposed use of grant funding; and (e) the criteria used to determine successful
applications \$3,000,000
2000-1013 For the design, construction, preservation, reconstruction and repair of or
improvements to culverts and dams across the commonwealth; provided, that expenditures from
this item may include the costs of engineering, design, permitting and other services essential to
these projects; provided further, that the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, in
coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, shall develop a plan for project
selection that takes into account need-based criteria, geographic distribution and environmental
impact; and provided further, that not later than January 31, 2020, the executive office shall file
the plan with the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture, the joint
committee on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways \$5,000,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Department of Mental Health

5059-1017 For the costs associated with studying and reporting on operations at the Worcester recovery center and hospital under the department of mental health; provided, that not later than March 5, 2020, the department of mental health shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery a report including, but not limited to: (i) the number of forensic patients cared for at the hospital each calendar year since 2015; (ii) the percentage of the patient population composed of forensic patients as compared to the general behavioral health population each calendar year since 2015; (iii) the average length of stay for forensic patients; (iv) current staffing data including, but not limited to, current staffing levels per unit, overtime usage and frequency of staff absences; (v) the number of reported assaults on staff each calendar year since 2015 and associated medical leave taken by staff; (vi) proof of corrective action in response to the department of labor standards written warning dated July 13, 2015 and the subsequent consultant report dated May 17, 2016; (vii) trends in the number of beds for forensic patients across the commonwealth since 2015; and (viii) the process for assigning forensic patients to a certain mental health facility..........\$50,000

Department of Elder Affairs

9110-1635 For adjustments to rates and capitations for home and community-based services
provided through items 9110-1630, 9110-0600, and 4000-0601; provided, that \$4,141,830 shall
be provided for an adjustment to approved program rates issued under said items 9110-1630 and
9110-0600 to provide a rate add-on for wages, compensation and salary related costs for personnel
providing homemaker and personal care homemaker services; provided further, that \$5,941,400
shall be provided for adjusting rates for home health aide services funded through said item 4000-
0601 to provide Title XIX services; and provided further, that the secretary of elder affairs, with
the approval of the secretary of health and human services and the secretary of administration and
finance, may transfer funds from this item to said items 9110-1630, 9110-0600 or 4000-0601 or
any other item necessary in order to ensure that all home health aides and personnel providing
homemaker and personal care homemaker services receive an appropriate rate adjustment
\$10,083,230
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Massachusetts Marketing Partnership
7008-1117 For one-time local economic development projects\$100,000

Office of the Secretary

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

7061-0010 For a grant program to assist public school districts in contracting with licensed community-based mental and behavioral health service providers for services in public schools; provided, that the program shall be administered by the department of elementary and secondary education in coordination with the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the department shall make efforts to notify all public school districts of the program; provided further, that the department shall prioritize grant applications submitted by school districts with limited access to mental and behavioral health services and limited existing financial resources; provided further, that the department shall prioritize grant applications submitted by school districts that have created action plans based on the safe and supportive school framework or whose applications are consistent with infrastructure and coordination efforts linking schools to community-based resources in accordance with item 7061-9612; provided further, that grants may be expended to assist school districts in connecting students with community-based services to maximize coordination with service providers and establish more comprehensive continuums of care; provided further, that grants may be expended to support increased professional development opportunities for public school employees to identify students in need of mental and behavioral health support; and provided further, that, not later than March 5, 2020, the department shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means on the awarding of grants and details of anticipated contracts, by school district.....\$10,000,000 7061-9815 For a grant program administered by the department of elementary and secondary education in coordination with the executive office of public safety and security for the prevention of hate crimes, as defined under section 32 of chapter 22C of the General Laws, and incidences of bias in public schools; provided, that grants shall be used for education, professional development,

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Department of Higher Education

7066-0115 For the purposes of continuing the implementation of section 15E of chapter 15A of the General Laws to encourage private fundraising by the commonwealth's public institutions of higher education for the endowments and capital outlay programs of those institutions, including, but not limited to, endowed scholarship funds, endowed professorships, endowed STEM programming, endowed research positions, endowed programming in the arts and humanities, endowed funds to increase diversity and inclusion on public higher education campuses, endowed funds that increase persistence and completion rates, endowed funds that encourage innovative financial aid strategies, including income share arrangements, endowed early college programs and such other purposes as the board shall determine to be consistent with system-wide and campus mission statements, and with measurable goals and metrics tied to those missions; provided further, that the board of higher education shall implement this program in a manner that ensures that each institution shall have an equal opportunity to secure matching funds from this item; provided further, that \$10,000,000 shall be allocated to the university of Massachusetts; provided further, that \$5,000,000 shall be allocated to state universities; provided further, that \$5,000,000 shall be allocated to community colleges; provided further, that the board shall issue a preliminary report on the initial allocation of matching dollars and any guidelines adopted for distribution and use of the funding not later than December 15, 2019 and a final report on the efficacy of the program in securing additional donations for public higher education, along

with a description of all programmatic improvements made possible by the funds, not later than June 15, 2020; provided further, that the interim report and the final report shall be provided to the joint committee on higher education and the house and senate committees on ways and means; and provided further, that funds for the purposes of this item shall be made available until June 30, 2021.

262 General Fund......91.30%

263 Education Fund......8.70%

7066-1116 For an infrastructure grant program to assist public institutions of higher education in enhancing the safety and security of students, faculty and staff; provided, that grants shall be administered by the executive office of education in coordination with the executive office of public safety and security, the executive office of health and human services, the Massachusetts state college building authority and the University of Massachusetts building authority; provided further, that the grants shall be used for retrofitting and upgrading campus buildings with safety and security enhancements including, but not limited to, classroom door locks, security cameras, active shooter detection systems, fire safety equipment or cybersecurity infrastructure; provided further, that the department shall make efforts to notify all public institutions of higher education of the program; provided further, that criteria shall be established to prioritize those colleges and universities most in need of infrastructure improvements related to safety and security and most in need of financial assistance for implementing said improvements; and provided further, that, not later than March 5, 2020, the executive office of education shall submit a report detailing the

awarding of grants and the expected use of the grants to the executive office for administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means......\$10,000,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

8000-1127 For a nonprofit security grant program to provide support for target hardening and other security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack or hate crimes, as defined in section 32 of chapter 22C of the General Laws, and are ineligible for the United States Department of Homeland Security's Nonprofit Security Grant Program based on their location; provided, that: (i) at least 1 such grant shall be awarded to a nonprofit organization in the eastern region of the commonwealth; (ii) at least 1 such grant shall be awarded to a nonprofit organization in the central region of the commonwealth; and (iii) at least 1 such grant shall be awarded to a nonprofit organization in the western region of the commonwealth.........\$1,000,000

SECTION 2B. To provide for supplementing certain intragovernmental chargeback authorizations in the general appropriation act and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2019, to provide for certain unanticipated intragovernmental chargeback authorizations, to provide for an alteration of purpose for current intragovernmental chargeback authorizations and to meet certain requirements of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby authorized from the Intragovernmental Service Fund for the several purposes specified in this section or in the appropriation acts and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously

authorized and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be made available until June 30, 2020.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

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1599-3100\$4,133,802

SECTION 2C.I. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2020 balances of appropriations that otherwise would revert on June 30, 2019, the unexpended balances of the appropriations listed below, not to exceed the amount specified below for each item, are hereby re-appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2018. However, for items which do not appear in section 2 of the general appropriation act, the amounts in this section are re-appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or 2A of this act or in prior appropriation acts. Amounts in this section are re-appropriated from the fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in section 2 of said chapter 154; provided, however, that for items which do not appear in section 2 of said chapter 154, the amounts in this section are re-appropriated from the fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in section 2 through 2E of this act or in prior appropriation acts. The unexpended balance of each appropriation in the Massachusetts management accounting and reporting system with a secretariat code of 01 or 17 is hereby re-appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in said section 2 of said chapter 154. The sums reappropriated in this section shall be in addition to any amounts available for said purposes.

319 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS 320 Northwestern District Attorney 321 0340-0600\$605,000 322 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH 323 Middlesex Registry of Deeds – Northern District 324 325 OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR 326 0710-0000 \$300.000 327 OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE 328 0930-0100\$300,000 329 MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION 330 CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION 331 332 333 **HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION** 334 1450-1200\$550,000 335

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE Reserves 1599-0054\$2,218,220 1599-2018\$5,000,000 Division of Administrative Law Appeals Human Resources Division EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS Department of Fish and Game Department of Agricultural Resources Department of Conservation and Recreation

353	2810-0122		\$100,000
354		EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	
355		Department of Transitional Assistance	
356	4401-1000		\$400,000
357		Department of Public Health	
358	4510-0810		\$1,000,000
359		Department of Children and Families	
360	4800-0041		\$4,500,000
361		Department of Mental Health	
362	5046-0000		\$5,800,000
363		Department of Veterans Services	
364	1410-0022		\$100,000
365	1410-1616		\$150,000
366	E	XECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPME	ENT
367		Office of the Secretary	
368	7002-0017		\$130,000
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370	Division of Banks
371	7006-0010\$200,000
372	Department of Telecommunications and Cable
373	7006-0071\$113,074
374	Massachusetts Marketing Partnership
375	7008-1116\$400,000
376	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
377	Office of the Secretary
378	7002-1080\$65,000
379	Department of Family and Medical Leave
380	7003-0300\$350,000
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382	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION
383	Department of Early Education and Care
384	3000-3060\$7,624,683
385	3000-4060
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387		Department of Higher Education	
388	7066-1129	\$50	0,000
389		EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY	
390		Office of the Secretary	
391	8000-0600	\$768	8,420
392		Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	
393	8000-0105	\$150	0,000
394		Department of Criminal Justice Information Services	
395	8000-0110	\$76.	3,874
396		Department of State Police	
397	8100-1001	\$4,000	0,000
398	8100-1004	\$1,560	0,000
399		Department of Fire Services	
400	8324-0000	\$913	3,000
401		Department of Correction	
402	8900-0001	\$9,110	0,978
403	8900-0003	\$1,013	3,185

404	SECTION 2C.II. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2020 balances	of
405	retained revenue and intragovernmental chargeback authorizations that otherwise would re-	vert
406	on June 30, 2019, the unexpended balances of the authorizations listed below, not to exceed	d the
407	amount specified below for each item, are hereby re-authorized for the purposes of and sub-	ject to
408	the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or 2B of chapter 154 of the act	s of
409	2018; provided, however, that for items that do not appear in section 2 or 2B of said chapte	er 154,
410	the amounts in this section are re-authorized for the purposes of and subject to the condition	ns
411	stated for the corresponding item in section 2, 2A, or 2B of this act or in prior appropriation	n acts.
412	Amounts in this section are re-authorized from the fund or funds designated for the	
413	corresponding item in section 2 or 2B of the general appropriation act; provided, however,	that
414	for items that do not appear in section 2 or 2B of the general appropriation act, the amounts	s in
415	this section are re-authorized from the fund or funds designated for the corresponding item	in
416	section 2, 2A, or 2B of this act or in prior appropriation acts. The sums re-authorized in this	S
417	section shall be in addition to any amounts available for those purposes.	
418	OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER	
419	1000-0601\$30	00,000
420	EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE	
421	Human Resources Division	
422	1750-0600\$2:	50,000
423	Operational Services Division	,
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424	1775-0800\$3:	50,000

425	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
426	Office of the Secretary
427	4000-0250\$8,285,479
428	Department of Veterans Services
429	1410-0018\$250,000
430	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
431	Department of Correction
432	8900-0021\$400,000
433	SECTION 2E. The sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated for transfer
434	from the General Fund to the trust funds named within each item unless specifically designated
435	otherwise in this section, for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section
436	and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending
437	June 30, 2019. Notwithstanding section 19A of chapter 29 of the General Laws, any transfer
438	under this section shall be made by the comptroller, effective June 30, 2019.
439	TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL
440	1595-1200 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust to support drinking
441	water programs to remediate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination of public
442	water supplies, including, but not limited to, no-interest loans\$20,000,000

443	1595-1205 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust to support its
444	purposes as set forth in chapter 29C of the General Laws, including to increase project
445	capacity\$35,000,000
446	MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
447	Department of Transportation
448	1595-6386 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund, established
449	in section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, for grants to municipalities for the construction,
450	reconstruction, maintenance or improvement of municipal ways\$60,000,000
451 452	Commonwealth Transportation Fund100%
453	1595-6389 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, or any
454	fund controlled by the authority, for additional staffing and contract costs to support capital project
455	delivery, inspection and maintenance activities and service diversions necessary to accelerate
456	capital projects; provided, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall submit
457	biannual reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of the
458	acceleration of capital project delivery; provided further, that the first report shall be due not later
459	than January 30, 2020 and the second report shall be due not later than June 30, 2020; and provided
460	further, that the reports shall include, but not be limited to, the number of, delineated by position:
461	(i) full-time equivalent employees hired; (ii) previously retired employees returning on a part-time
462	basis; and (iii) contracted employees hired
463	Commonwealth Transportation Fund100%

1595-6390 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund, established
pursuant to section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, to support infrastructure projects to reduce
congestion, improve traffic flow, promote the use of increased transit ridership and reduce idling
and greenhouse gas emissions; provided, that eligible projects may include, but not be limited to:
(i) the creation or expansion of dedicated bus lanes; (ii) vanpool or other commuter bus
demonstration project costs; (iii) lane and shoulder width adjustments and improvements; (iv)
ramp adjustments; (v) signal improvements; and (vi) improved signage; provided further, that
funds may be used for grants to municipalities; provided further, that funds shall be distributed in
a manner that reduces congestion and improves traffic flow in multiple traffic quarters; and
provided further, that not later than June 1, 2020, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation
shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint
committee on transportation on the uses of these funds, including any grants provided to
municipalities and the projects funded through those grants\$5,000,000
Commonwealth Transportation Fund100%

General Fund......84.03%

Local Capital Projects Fund......15.97%

SECTION 3. Clause (2) of section 59 of chapter 23K of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subclause (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subclause:-

(a) 2 per cent to the Massachusetts Cultural and Performing Arts Mitigation Trust Fund established in section 2IIIII of chapter 29;

SECTION 4. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2GGGGG, inserted by section 24 of chapter 41 of the acts of 2019, the following 2 sections:-

Section 2HHHHH. (a) There shall be an Emergency Relief and Immediate

Commonwealth Assistance Trust Fund administered by the Massachusetts emergency

management agency. Money in the trust fund shall be deposited with the state treasurer in a

manner that will secure the highest interest rate available consistent with the safety of the trust

fund and with the requirement that all amounts on deposit be available for immediate use.

- (b) There shall be credited to the trust fund: (i) any unexpended funds from item 8800-0001, which shall not revert to the General Fund but instead shall be deposited in the trust fund; (ii) other funds appropriated or transferred to the trust fund by the general court; and (iii) all interest earned on money in the trust fund.
- (c) Expenditures from the trust fund shall not be subject to appropriation and balances remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund; provided, however, that expenditures from the trust fund shall be made for state or local response efforts to natural disasters or emergency incidents as determined by the director of the agency; and provided

further, that expenditures shall not be used to supplant recurring operational costs of the agency funded through the general appropriations act.

- (d) Subject to the approval of the secretary of public safety and security, in consultation with the secretary of administration and finance, the agency may incur liabilities and make expenditures in excess of funds available and the state comptroller may certify for payment invoices in excess of funds available to the agency; provided, however, that the agency shall cite a state of emergency declaration upon its request to incur liabilities and make expenditures in excess of funds available; and provided further, that the negative balance of funds available shall not exceed \$5,000,000 at any time during the fiscal year.
- (e) Annually, not later than June 1, the agency shall submit a report to the secretary of administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include: (i) the fund balance at the start of the current fiscal year; (ii) any transfers of funds to and from the trust fund during the fiscal year; (iii) any revenue deposited into the trust fund (iv) an itemized description of expenditures by disaster or incident during the fiscal year; (v) a projected fund balance for the end of the fiscal year; and (vi) any request for supplemental appropriations to eliminate any negative balance projected for the fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 2IIIII. (a) There shall be a Massachusetts Cultural and Performing Arts

Mitigation Trust Fund. All amounts credited to the fund shall be held in trust and shall be
available for expenditure, without further appropriation, by the Massachusetts cultural council.

The fund shall consist of: (i) money transferred to the fund from the Gaming Revenue Fund
pursuant to subclause (a) of clause (2) of section 59 of chapter 23K; (ii) income derived from the

investment of amounts credited to the fund; and (iii) all other money credited to or transferred to the fund from any other fund or source. The comptroller may certify amounts for payment in anticipation of expected receipts; provided, however, that no expenditure shall be made from the fund that shall cause the fund to be deficient at the close of a fiscal year. Money remaining in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

- (b) Expenditures from the fund shall be made in the following manner: (i) 25 per cent of all money deposited into the fund pursuant to subsection (a) shall be dedicated to the organizational support program of the Massachusetts cultural council; and (ii) 75 per cent of all money deposited into the fund pursuant to said subsection (a) shall be dedicated to support not-for-profit and municipally-owned performing arts centers impacted as a result of the operation of gaming facilities; provided, however, that funds dedicated to such performing arts centers shall be to subsidize fees paid to touring shows or artists; provided further, that funding dedicated to such performing arts centers shall be allocated through a competitive grant process to be developed and administered by the Massachusetts cultural council; and provided further, that administrative and operational expenses shall not exceed 7 per cent of the total assets of the fund in any 1 fiscal year.
- (c) Annually, not later than March 1, the Massachusetts cultural council shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the fund. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) revenue received by the fund; (ii) revenue and expenditure projections for the forthcoming fiscal year; and (iii) details of all expenditures from the fund.

SECTION 5. The first paragraph of section 5G of said chapter 29, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- If the department of revenue certifies that the amount of tax revenues estimated to have been collected from capital gains income exceeds \$1,000,000,000 in a fiscal year, the comptroller shall transfer quarterly any such amount that exceeds \$1,000,000,000 collected during that fiscal year as follows: (i) 90 per cent shall be transferred to the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established in section 2H; (ii) 5 per cent shall be transferred to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter 32A; and (iii) 5 per cent shall be transferred to the Commonwealth's Pension Liability Fund established in section 22 of chapter 32.

SECTION 6. The second paragraph of said section 5G of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The transfers shall be made before the certification of the consolidated net surplus for the previous fiscal year under section 5C.

SECTION 7. Said section 5G of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the third paragraph.

SECTION 8. Section 42G½ of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "vote", in line 57, the following words:- under subsection (d) of section 65.

SECTION 9. Said section 42G½ of said chapter 51 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(d) In accordance with the memorandum of understanding required by subsection (b), each eligible applicant for services at an automatic voter registration agency who meets the qualifications to register to vote and does not decline to register to vote under subsection (d) of section 65 shall be registered as a voter under said section 65 as of the date the registrars add the person's name and address to the register of voters, pursuant to paragraph (4) of said subsection (d) of said section 65; provided, however, that an applicant who meets the qualifications to register to vote, does not decline to register to vote under said subsection (d) of said section 65 and completes a qualifying transaction with an automatic voter registration agency not less than 21 days before an election shall be entitled to vote in that election. If necessary to comply with federal law, the division of medical assistance and the commonwealth health insurance connector authority may allow an applicant to decline to register to vote at the time of application. Otherwise, all automatic voter registration agencies, including the registry of motor vehicles, shall transmit records of all eligible applicants as provided in subsection (e), and these applicants may decline to register to vote only after receiving notice from the registrars of voters under paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of section 65.

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SECTION 10. Section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking subsection (g) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(g) The designation of an early voting site shall be made not less than 14 days before the beginning of the voting period established in subsection (b). Not less than 7 days before the beginning of the early voting period, the registrars for each city and town shall post the location of the early voting sites as well as the applicable dates and hours. Notice shall be conspicuously posted in the office of the city or town clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of each

city and town, on any other public building considered necessary, on the city or town's website, if any, and on the website of the state secretary.

SECTION 11. Section 2 of Chapter 61A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "tobacco", in line 4, the following words:-, hemp as defined in section 116 of chapter 128.

SECTION 12. Subsection (c) of section 1 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure "106," in line 8, the following figure: , 108(f)(5).

SECTION 13. Section 40 of chapter 82 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 24 to 26, inclusive, the words ", excluding excavation by tools manipulated only by human power for gardening purposes and use of blasting for quarrying purposes".

SECTION 14. Section 21 of chapter 137 of the acts of 2003 is hereby amended by striking out the figure "2019", inserted by section 26 of chapter 359 of the acts of 2014, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2024.

SECTION 15. Section 226 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012 is hereby amended by striking out the figure "2020", inserted by section 1 of chapter 363 of the acts of 2018, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2021.

SECTION 16. Item 1599-0026 of section 2 of chapter 47 of the acts of 2017 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "program", the fourth time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 17. Item 1000-0008 of section 2 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2018 is hereby amended by striking out the figure "5" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 16.

SECTION 18. Item 1410-0010 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "home" the following words:- and such funds shall be made available to the town until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 19. Item 2330-0100 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "by-catch" the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 20. Item 4590-0250 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby amended by striking out the words "provided further, that no less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the purpose of establishing and supporting a school-based health center at Malden High School in the city of Malden" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be made available for a grant to the Cambridge Health Alliance Foundation, Inc. for a school-based health center at Malden high school in the city of Malden and the grant shall be made available until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 21. Item 5046-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "Barnstable", the fourth time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 22. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Taunton" the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020; provided further, that funds appropriated and unspent for the operation of the life sciences, education and training center located at the former Paul A. Dever

state school in the city of Taunton in item 7008-0900 of section 2 of chapter 47 of the acts of 2017 shall be made available until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 23. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "Milford", the second time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 24. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further amended by striking out the words "for the restoration of the historic Forbes House in the town of Norwood" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- to the Norwood Historical Commission for the renovations of the Little Red Brick School and the Old Jail in the town of Norwood and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020;.

SECTION 25. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "Wakefield" the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 26. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "Melrose", the second time it appears, the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 27. Item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Winthrop" the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 28. Said item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Attleboro" the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020;.

SECTION 29. Said item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 154 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "Scituate", the fifth time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2020.

SECTION 30. Section 98 of said chapter 154 is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the unexpended balances in items 0699-0015 and 0699-9100 shall be deposited into the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established pursuant to section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws before the certification of the fiscal year 2019 consolidated net surplus pursuant to section 5C of chapter 29 of the General Laws. The amount deposited shall be an amount equal to 30 per cent of all payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2019 under the master settlement agreement in Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Philip Morris, Inc. et al., Middlesex Superior Court, No. 95-7378; provided, however, that if in fiscal year 2019 the unexpended balances of said items 0699-0015 and 0699-9100 are less than 30 per cent of all payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2019 under the master settlement agreement payments, an amount equal to the difference shall be transferred to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund from payments received by the commonwealth under the master settlement agreement.

SECTION 31. Item 8100-1014 of section 2A of chapter 5 of the acts of 2019 is hereby amended by inserting after the figure "2018" the following words:-, or the collection, testing or tracking of sexual assault evidence kits.

SECTION 32. Item 0321-1510 of section 2 of chapter 41 of the acts of 2019 is hereby amended by adding the following words:-; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the committee for public counsel services shall promulgate a 1-time incentive plan for private counsel assigned to cases under chapter 211D to provide legal services in underserved areas of the commonwealth; provided further, that the costs of the incentive plan shall total not more than \$3,000,000; provided further, that, before allocating funds for the incentive plan, the committee shall submit to the house and senate committees on ways and means a report detailing the methodology for distributing the funds, including the types of cases and the underserved areas of the commonwealth that will be targeted with the funds.

SECTION 33. Said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by striking out item 1595-1068 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

1595-1068 For an operating transfer to the MassHealth provider payment account in the Medical Assistance Trust Fund established under section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that these funds shall be expended for services provided during state or federal fiscal year 2019 or 2020 or for public hospital transformation and incentive initiative payments for state fiscal year 2019 or 2020 or for Medicaid care organization payments under 42 CFR 438.6(c) for rate year 2018, 2019 or 2020; provided further, that all payments from the Medical Assistance Trust Fund shall be: (i) subject to the availability of federal financial participation; (ii) made only under federally-approved payment methods; (iii) consistent with federal funding

requirements and all federal payment limits as determined by the secretary of health and human services; and (iv) subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement with the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall notify, in writing, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing of increases or decreases in any payments made within the term of the current 1115 waiver or other state plan amendments within 15 days; and provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall utilize funds from the Medical Assistance Trust Fund to make payments of not more than \$413,550,000 to the Cambridge public health commission or to Medicaid care organizations for payment to the Cambridge public health commission if the Cambridge public health commission, in anticipation of receiving such payments, first voluntarily transfers an amount equal to the nonfederal share of the payments to the Medical Assistance Trust Fund using a federally-permissible source of funds

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SECTION 34. Item 4120-4000 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by adding the following words:-; provided, that not less than \$270,000 shall be expended for the assistive technology loan program; and provided further, that not less than \$360,000 shall be expended for the durable medical equipment reuse program.

SECTION 35. Item 4200-0010 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "settings" the following words:-; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for a competitive grant program developed under the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative to support projects that reduce reliance on detention for low-risk youth, support meaningful participation of youth and families and promote racial equity and inclusion.

- 721 SECTION 36. Item 7006-0142 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by 722 striking out, both times it appears, the figure "\$15,034,593" and inserting in place thereof, in 723 each instance, the following figure: \$16,034,593. 724 SECTION 37. Item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by 725 striking out the words "Camp Meigs memorial park" and inserting in place thereof the following 726 words:- the 54th Regiment Museum in Camp Meigs memorial park located. 727 SECTION 38. Item 7010-0012 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by 728 inserting after the word "program", the third time it appears, the following words:-; provided 729 further, that notwithstanding and general or special law to the contrary, not less than \$2,616,032 730 in funds forwarded from fiscal year 2019 shall apply to fiscal year 2020 reimbursements. 731 SECTION 39. Item 7061-9813 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by 732 striking out the figure "21" and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - 35. 733 SECTION 40. Item 8700-1140 of said section 2 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by 734 striking out, both times it appears, the figure "\$400,000" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure: \$1,900,000. 735 736 SECTION 41. Section 71 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended by striking out the figure "2019" and inserting in place thereof the following figure: 2020. 737 738 SECTION 42. The second paragraph of section 82 of said chapter 41 is hereby amended 739 by striking out the figure "72" and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - 75.
 - SECTION 43. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, before calculating the fiscal year 2019 consolidated net surplus in accordance with section 5C of chapter

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29 of the General Laws, and upon the recommendation of the secretary of administration and finance or a designee, the comptroller shall adjust any fiscal year 2019 appropriation fund split against the following funds to expend available revenue and to prevent deficiencies in those funds; provided, however, that, changes to fund splits under this section shall not result in any of the following funds ending fiscal year 2019 in deficit: (i) the Gaming Local Aid Fund established in section 63 of chapter 23K of the General Laws; (ii) the Education Fund established in section 64 of said chapter 23K; (iii) the Local Capital Projects Fund established in section 2EEEE of chapter 29 of the General Laws; and (iv) the Public Safety Training Fund established in section 2JJJJ of said chapter 29.

SECTION 44. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not more than \$5,000,000 of funds deposited pursuant to chapter 273 of the acts of 2018 into the Water Pollution Abatement Revolving Fund, established in section 2L of chapter 29 of the General Laws may be used for deleading projects, including grants, at early education facilities, childcare centers and public schools, prioritizing elementary schools. Funding shall be prioritized to address high risk populations based on characteristics including, but not limited to, age and socioeconomic status and based on consultation with the advisory committee for the lead poisoning prevention program established under section 190 of chapter 111 of the General Laws.

SECTION 45. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of energy resources shall expend amounts from the RGGI Auction Trust Fund established in section 35II of chapter 10 of the General Laws to fund the green communities program established in section 10 of chapter 25A and to fund electric vehicle incentive programs through December 31, 2021. All payments made from the fund before December 31, 2021 shall be prioritized so that the initial payments from the fund shall be made to the green communities

and electric vehicle incentive programs; provided, however, that payments shall not exceed \$5,000,000 to the green communities program per fiscal year and \$27,000,000 to electric vehicle incentive programs per fiscal year; and provided further, that the department shall examine the programs, including, but not limited to, the cost-effectiveness of the programs in greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and report its findings to the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy not later than January 1, 2022.

SECTION 46. (a) Notwithstanding chapter 31 of the General Laws, any pre-employment medical examination administered by a federal agency or contractor to any person serving in the title of firefighter or crash crew member of the Joint Base Cape Cod formerly known as Massachusetts Military Reservation Fire Department or the 104th Fighter Wing Fire Department, who transferred from federal employee or other non-state employment status, shall be deemed sufficient to fulfill any pre-employment medical examination requirement for firefighters in state or municipal service in the commonwealth under said chapter 31 and chapter 48 of the General Laws. Any pre-employment medical examination referenced in this section or any physical taken subsequent to employment must meet the criteria provided in sections 94, 94A and 94B of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

(b) This section shall only apply to Joint Base Cape Cod formerly Massachusetts Military Reservation Firefighters who are employed as of the effective date of this act as a firefighter or crash crew member of the Joint Base Cape Cod Fire Department or as a firefighter with the 104th Fighter Wing Fire Department and who entered state service pursuant to chapter 308 of the acts of 2008 and 104th Fighter Wing Firefighters who entered state service by an executive action of October 2010.

SECTION 47. Notwithstanding section 28 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the state primary in 2020 shall be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

SECTION 48. Notwithstanding section 3 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, a person whose name is not printed on the September 1, 2020 state primary ballot as a candidate for an office, but who receives sufficient votes to nominate the person for the office, shall file in the office of the state secretary a written acceptance of the nomination and a receipt from the state ethics commission verifying that a statement of financial interest has been filed pursuant to chapter 268B of the General Laws not later than 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 3, 2020.

SECTION 49. Notwithstanding sections 11, 13 and 53A of chapter 53 of the General Laws and section 5 of chapter 55B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, objections to and withdrawals from nominations made at the September 1, 2020 state primary shall be filed with the state secretary not later than 12:00 P.M. on Friday, September 4, 2020.

SECTION 50. Notwithstanding section 14 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, any vacancies from the September 1, 2020 state primary caused by death, withdrawal or ineligibility under section 49 shall be filled by an executive committee, determined by the state party committee of the same political party that made the original nomination.

SECTION 51. Notwithstanding section 15 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, when a nomination is made to fill a vacancy caused by the

death, withdrawal or ineligibility of a candidate from the September 1, 2020 state primary, the certificate of nomination shall be on a form prescribed by the state secretary, signed by the executive committee appointed by the state committee of the same political party as provided for in section 50 and filed with the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

SECTION 52. Notwithstanding section 135 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, a petition for a recount of the September 1, 2020 state primary shall be filed with the appropriate local election officials not later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 4, 2020 and all recounts shall be completed and notice of the results shall be sent to the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 12, 2020.

Petitions for districtwide and statewide recounts of the September 1, 2020 state primary shall be submitted to the appropriate local election officials for certification not later than 12:00 P.M. on Friday, September 4, 2020 and local election officials shall complete certification not later than 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Thereafter, certified petitions shall be filed with the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. If the state secretary determines that the contest is eligible for a statewide or districtwide recount, the state secretary shall notify the local election officials who shall complete the recount and shall notify the state secretary of the results of the recount not later than 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 12, 2020.

Notwithstanding section 135 of said chapter 54, a board of registrars shall provide not less than 2 days' notice of the date, time and location of the recount to each candidate for the office for which the recount has been petitioned. Electronic notice shall be sufficient.

SECTION 53. (a) Notwithstanding section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be early voting for the 2020 presidential primary. The election officers and registrars of every city or town shall allow any qualified voter under section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws to cast a ballot for the 2020 presidential primary during the early voting period. The early voting period shall begin on Monday, February 24, 2020 and end on Friday, February 28, 2020. Early voting shall also apply to any city or town election held at the same time as the presidential primary.

- (b) Any qualified voter wanting to early vote by mail may file with the voter's local election official an application for an early voting ballot for the 2020 presidential primary. Any form of written communication evidencing a desire to have an early voting ballot be sent for use for voting at an election shall be given the same effect as an application made in the form prescribed by the state secretary. No application for an early voting ballot for the 2020 presidential primary shall be seasonably filed unless it is received in the office of the city or town clerk or registrars of voters before 12:00PM on February 28, 2020. If the voter is registered as unenrolled or in a political designation, the applicant shall include the name of the party whose primary ballot the voter is requesting.
- (c) Early voting for the 2020 presidential primary shall be conducted during the usual business hours of each city or town clerk. A city or town may provide for additional early voting hours beyond the hours required by this subsection during the early voting period.
- (d) All early voting ballots voted by mail for the 2020 presidential primary shall be received by the city or town clerk before the hour fixed for closing the polls.

(e) Each city and town shall establish an early voting site for the 2020 presidential primary that shall include the election office for the city or town; provided, however, that if the city or town determines that the office is unavailable or unsuitable for early voting, the registrars of each such city or town shall identify and provide for an alternative centrally-located, suitable and convenient public building within each such city or town as an early voting site. A city or town may also provide for additional early voting sites at the discretion of the registrars for that city or town. Each early voting site shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.

- (f) The designation of an early voting site for the 2020 presidential primary shall be made not later than February 10, 2020. Not later than February 12, 2020, the registrars for each city or town shall post the location of the early voting sites as well as the applicable dates and hours. Notice shall be conspicuously posted in the office of the city clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of each city or town, on any other public building considered necessary, on the city or town's website, if any, and on the website of the state secretary.
- (g) Not later than February 10, 2020, the state secretary shall deliver to each city or town, in the quantities that the state secretary determines are necessary: (1) official early voting ballots for the 2020 presidential primaries, similar to the official ballot to be used at the primaries; and (2) envelopes of sufficient size to contain the ballots specified in clause (1) bearing on their reverse the voter's affidavit in compliance with the requirements of subsection (i).
- (h) An early voting ballot along with an envelope shall be provided to each qualified voter who participates in early voting for the 2020 presidential primary.

(i) A qualified voter casting a ballot at an early voting site shall complete an affidavit under the regulations promulgated pursuant to chapter 54 of the General Laws, which shall include a notice of penalties under section 26 of chapter 56 of the General Laws.

- (j) Before the beginning of early voting for the 2020 presidential primary, the registrars for each city or town shall prepare a list for the early voting sites that contains the names and residences of all persons qualified to vote at each voting site, as the names and residences appear upon the annual register, and shall reasonably transmit the applicable list to the election officers at each early voting site designated by the registrars.
- (k) The registrar or presiding official at the early voting site shall cause to be placed on the voting lists opposite the name of a qualified voter who participates in early voting the letters "EV" designating an early voter.
- (l) The registrars shall prepare lists of all voters casting ballots during the early voting period and update the voter list in a manner prescribed by the state secretary.
- (m) Sections 37 and 38 of chapter 53 of the General Laws shall apply to unenrolled voters and voters enrolled in political designations. The registrar or presiding official at the early voting site shall cause the name of the party of the ballot being voted to be recorded on the voting list.
- (n) The counting of early voting ballots including, but not limited to, informing election officers and any challengers present under section 85A of chapter 54 shall be set by 950 CMR 47.00 so far as applicable. All envelopes referred to in this section shall be retained with the ballots cast at the 2020 presidential primary and shall be preserved and destroyed in the manner provided by law for the retention, preservation or destruction of official ballots.

(o) 950 CMR 47.00 shall apply to early voting at the 2020 presidential primary to the extent feasible, but the state secretary shall update the rules to accommodate the dates set forth herein.

- (p) A city or town may opt to detail a sufficient number of police officers or constables for each early voting site for the 2020 presidential primary at the expense of the city or town to preserve order, protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections.
- (q) No early voting ballot cast under this section shall be counted if the officer charged with the duty of counting the ballot is cognizant of the fact that the voter has died before the opening of the polls on the day of the 2020 presidential primary.

SECTION 54. Notwithstanding sections 8 to 10, inclusive, of chapter 55B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the state ballot law commission shall notify candidates of any objections filed to nominations at the September 1, 2020 state primary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 4, 2020. Notice of the commission hearings shall be given by telephone and electronic mail. Hearings on objections shall be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 and decisions shall be rendered not later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, September 14, 2020.

SECTION 55. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, local election officials shall transmit absentee ballots to voters covered under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 USC 20302 et seq., whose applications were received not less than 45 days before the November 3, 2020 state election, not later than Saturday, September 19, 2020.

SECTION 56. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state secretary may add or change any dates relating to the nominations made at the September 1, 2020 state primary that the state secretary considers necessary for the orderly administration of the November 3, 2020 state election by providing notice of the change to the state parties and any affected person, by filing notice with the rules and regulations division, by posting on the state secretary's website and by whatever other means the state secretary considers appropriate.

SECTION 57. There shall be a task force to review and provide recommendations on the current classification of inside sales employees paid solely by commissions or advances on commissions who satisfy the requirements of either sections 207(i) or 213(b)(10)(A) of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 USC §§ 201-219. The task force's review shall include, but not be limited to: (i) economic impacts related to reliance by employers on wage and hour statutory guidance provided by an agency; (ii) recent judicial findings on wage and hour statutes as applied to said commissioned employees; and (iii) any other factors the task force deems appropriate.

The task force shall consist of the secretary of labor and workforce development and the secretary for administration and finance or their designees, who shall serve as co-chairs, and 8 members appointed by the governor, 4 of whom shall represent retailers and employers and 4 of whom shall represent employees.

The task force may consult with experts and stakeholders in determining their findings and shall hold at least 1 public hearing. The task force shall file a report of its findings with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the joint committee on labor and workforce

development and the senate and house committees on ways and means not later than March 1, 2020.

SECTION 58. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the special commission established in section 103 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2018 is hereby revived and continued to December 31, 2019. The special commission shall file the results of its study and its recommendations, including drafts of legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the joint committee on consumer protection and professional licensure and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later December 31, 2019.

SECTION 59. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in setting standard payments to nursing facilities for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020, inclusive, capital standard payments made to the nursing facilities pursuant to 101 CMR 206 shall provide that: (i) a facility's upward adjustment to its capital payment shall be calculated as the difference between the standard capital payment listed in 101 CMR 206.05(1) and its rebased capital payment that it would have received based on the capital standard payment calculation methodology in effect before October 1, 2019; and (ii) a nursing facility that becomes operational on or after November 1, 2019, an existing nursing facility that completely renovates or reconstructs its current building on or after November 1, 2019 or an existing nursing facility that fully relocates to a newly constructed location on or after November 1, 2019 shall be eligible for a capital standard payment in the amount of not less than \$37.60.

(b) A nursing facility shall be eligible for an adjustment to its capital standard payment pursuant to 101 CMR 206.05(2) after October 1, 2019 if, before March 31, 2020, the facility

provides the executive office of health and human services with documentation of 1 of the following: (i) department of public health plan review approval pursuant to an approved determination of need dated before January 1, 2020; (ii) detailed architectural or engineering plans developed in response to an approved determination of need and submitted to the department of public of health before January 1, 2020; (iii) evidence of funding received, or a firm commitment to fund, from an outside lender dated before January 1, 2020, in an amount equal to or in excess of 50 per cent of the maximum capital expenditure as specified in an approved determination of need; (iv) evidence of applications made on or before January 1, 2020, to local government agencies for planning, zoning or building permits or other regulatory approvals required in connection with the implementation of an approved determination of need; or (v) evidence of the acquisition of land required for development of the project authorized by the an approved determination of need.

SECTION 60. The salary adjustments and other economic benefits authorized by the following collective bargaining agreements shall be effective for the purposes of section 7 of chapter 150E of the General Laws: (i) between the Middlesex sheriff and the Teamsters, Local 122, Unit SM2; (ii) between the between the Essex north and south registries of deeds and AFSCME, Local 653; (iii) between the board of higher education and the Massachusetts Community College Council; (iv) between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and DOT Unit C, National Association of Government Employees, IBEW Local 103, Teamsters Local 127, and Teamsters Local 25; (v) between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and DOT Unit D, National Association of Government Employees, IBEW Local 103, Teamsters Local 127, clerical, audit and support Employees and United Steelworkers Local

5696; (vi) between the state treasurer and the Coalition of Public Safety, Unit 5; and (vii)
 between the Middlesex sheriff and NEPBA, Local 525, Unit SM1.
 SECTION 61. Section 12 shall be effective for taxable years beginning after December
 31, 2017.
 SECTION 62. Section 14 shall take effect on September 11, 2019.
 SECTION 63. Sections 8 and 9 shall take effect on April 1, 2020.
 SECTION 64. Except as otherwise specified, this act shall take effect upon its passage.