

SENATE No. 2409

Senate April 9, 2018, – Text of Senate amendment (Senator Keenan), to the House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4367)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

1 SECTION 1. To provide for a program of transportation development and improvements,
2 the sums set forth in section 2, for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act,
3 are hereby made available, subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds. The
4 sums made available in this act shall be in addition to any amounts previously appropriated or
5 made available for these purposes.

6 SECTION 2.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Highway Division

9 6122-1824. For the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways as described in
10 clause (b) of the second paragraph of section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided, that
11 a city or town shall comply with the procedures established by the Massachusetts Department of
12 Transportation; provided further, that a city or town may expend, without further appropriation,
13 for these projects amounts not in excess of the amount provided to the city or town under this
14 item upon preliminary notice of such amount, which shall be provided by the department to the
15 city or town not later than March 1 of each year; provided further, that the commonwealth shall

16 reimburse a city or town under this item, subject to the availability of funds as provided in
17 section 9G of chapter 29 of the General Laws, within 30 days after receipt by the department of a
18 request for reimbursement from the city or town which request shall include certification by the
19 city or town that actual expenses have been incurred on projects eligible for reimbursement
20 under this item and that the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the city or town
21 according to the specifications of the project and in compliance with applicable laws and
22 procedures established by the department; and provided however that the funds shall be used to
23 support a \$200,000,000 annual apportionment program..... \$600,000,000

24 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to meet the
25 expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the
26 governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an amount to be specified by the
27 governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$600,000,000. All bonds issued
28 by the commonwealth as aforesaid shall be designated on their face, Municipal Ways Act of
29 2018, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not exceeding 20 years, as recommended
30 by the governor in a message to the general court dated February 13, 2018 under section 3 of
31 Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution; provided, however, that all such bonds shall
32 be payable not later than June 30, 2043. All interest and payments on account of principal on
33 these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Notwithstanding any other general or
34 special law to the contrary, bonds issued under this section and interest thereon shall be general
35 obligations of the commonwealth.