

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2968

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)

SENATE, October 24, 2024.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means to whom was referred the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5077); reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2968. (Total Appropriation: This legislation appropriates \$696,535,132 in fiscal year 2024 direct appropriations, with a net cost of \$131,117,783, which are authorized to be expended through fiscal year 2025.)

For the committee,  
Michael J. Rodrigues

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1 SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act  
2 and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2024, 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, 2024. 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 through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

9 SECTION 2.

10 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

11 Department of Revenue

12 1233-2000 Tax Abatements for Veterans, Widows, Blind Persons and the Elderly

13 \$11,077,209

14 Reserves

15 1599-0026 Municipal Regionalization and Efficiencies Incentive Reserve  
16 \$12,673,961

17 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

18 Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services

19 4000-0300 EOHHS and Medicaid Administration \$7,563,044

20 4000-0700 MassHealth Fee for Service Payments \$565,417,349

21 Department of Public Health

22 4590-0915 Public Health Hospitals \$5,055,887

23 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

24 Office of the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development

25 7003-0101 Labor and Workforce Development Shared Services \$1,310,000

26 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

27 Office of the Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities

28 7004-9316 Residential Assistance for Families in Transition \$7,325,156

29 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

30 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

31 7053-1925 School Breakfast Program \$8,700,000

32 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

33 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner  
34 8000-0105 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner \$689,902

35 Military Division

36 8700-0001 Military Division \$200,000

37 Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

38 8800-0001 Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency \$622,624

39 SECTION 2A. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to  
40 provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations and to meet certain requirements  
41 of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless  
42 specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the several purposes and subject to the  
43 conditions specified in this section, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public  
44 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Except as otherwise stated, these sums shall be  
45 made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

46 MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

47 0340-9111 For moving costs, expert witness costs and other costs associated with the  
48 Massachusetts District Attorneys Association and individual district attorneys' offices in the  
49 commonwealth \$1,000,000

50 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

51 Reserves

52           1599-0640 For start-up costs associated with implementation of online lottery; provided,  
53 that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state  
54 agencies as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws; and provided further, that  
55 funds in this item shall be made available until June 30, 2026           \$2,500,000

56           1599-1214 For a reserve for expansion, upgrades or enhancements to staffing, operations  
57 or infrastructure for new and existing facilities that treat men with an alcohol or substance use  
58 disorder under sections 1 and 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws; provided, that the secretary  
59 of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as defined in  
60 section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws \$14,000,000

61           1599-6263 For a reserve to support efforts that eradicate and prevent mosquito-borne  
62 diseases, including but not limited to eastern equine encephalitis; provided, that the secretary of  
63 administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as defined in  
64 section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws \$400,000

65           1599-8910     For a reserve to support costs associated with the county sheriffs' offices;  
66 provided, that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to  
67 state agencies as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws     \$46,000,000

68           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

69           Office of the Secretary

70           4000-1998     For the distribution of funds for fiscally strained community health  
71 centers; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary  
72 of health and human services shall direct monthly payments to eligible community health centers

73 in the form of enhanced Medicaid payments, supplemental payments or other appropriate  
74 mechanisms; provided further, that payments to eligible community health centers shall be  
75 allocated as determined by the secretary in consultation with the Massachusetts League of  
76 Community Health Centers, Inc.; provided further, that such payments shall not be used in  
77 subsequent years by the secretary to calculate an eligible community health center's average  
78 monthly payment; provided further, that such payments shall not offset existing payments for  
79 which an eligible community health center may be qualified to receive; provided further, that the  
80 secretary may require as a condition of receiving payment any such reasonable condition of  
81 payment that the secretary determines necessary to ensure the availability, to the extent possible,  
82 of federal financial participation for the payments and the secretary may incur expenses and the  
83 comptroller may certify amounts for payment in anticipation of expected receipt of federal  
84 financial participation for the payments; provided further, that the executive office of health and  
85 human services may promulgate regulations as necessary to carry out this item; and provided  
86 further, that for the purposes of this item, "eligible community health center" shall be defined as  
87 any entity receiving funding pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 254b that demonstrates significant  
88 financial need based on criteria established by the secretary in consultation with The  
89 Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Inc. \$12,000,000

90 SECTION 2B. To provide for supplementing certain intragovernmental chargeback  
91 authorizations in the general appropriation act and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2024,  
92 to provide for certain unanticipated intragovernmental chargeback authorizations, to provide for  
93 an alteration of purpose for current intragovernmental chargeback authorizations and to meet  
94 certain requirements of law, the sum set forth in this section is hereby authorized from the  
95 Intragovernmental Service Fund for the several purposes specified in this section or in the

96 appropriation acts and subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public  
97 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. This sum shall be in addition to any amounts  
98 previously authorized and made available for the purposes of this item.

99 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES

100 Office of the Secretary of Veterans' Services

101 1410-0110 Central Services Chargeback \$1,698,000

102 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

103 Office of the Secretary of Education

104 7009-1701 Chargeback for Education Information Technology Costs \$486,352

105 SECTION 2C.I. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2025 balances of  
106 appropriations which otherwise would revert on June 30, 2024, the unexpended balances of the  
107 appropriations listed below, not to exceed the amount specified below for each item, are hereby  
108 re-appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding  
109 item in section 2 or 2F of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023; provided, that for items which do not  
110 appear in said section 2 or 2F of said chapter 28, the amounts in this section are re-appropriated  
111 for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or  
112 2A of this act or in prior appropriation acts. Amounts in this section are re-appropriated from the  
113 fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in said section 2 or 2F of said chapter 28;  
114 provided, however, that for items which do not appear in said section 2 or 2F of said chapter 28,  
115 the amounts in this section are re-appropriated from the fund or funds designated for the  
116 corresponding item in said section 2 through 2F of this act or in prior appropriation acts. The

117 unexpended balance of each appropriation in the Massachusetts management accounting and  
118 reporting system with a secretariat code of 01 or 17 is hereby re-appropriated for the purposes of  
119 and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in said section 2 of said chapter  
120 28. The sums reappropriated in this section shall be in addition to any amounts available for said  
121 purposes.

122 JUDICIARY

123 Supreme Judicial Court

124 0320-0003 Supreme Judicial Court \$150,000

125 Board of Bar Examiners

126 0321-0100 Board of Bar Examiners \$100,000

127 TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL

128 Treasurer and Receiver General

129 0610-2000 Welcome Home Bill Bonus Payments \$800,000

130 State Lottery Commission

131 0640-0000 State Lottery Commission \$104,000

132 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

133 0900-0100 State Ethics Commission \$66,500

134 CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION



135	1070-0840	Cannabis Control Commission	\$200,000
136	EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE		
137	Health Policy Commission		
138	1450-1200	Health Policy Commission	\$350,000
139	Reserves		
140	1599-0054	Hinton Lab Reserve	\$56,000
141	1599-1971	MBTA Workforce and Safety Reserve	\$117,582,748
142	1599-4448	Collective Bargaining Reserve	\$59,000,000
143	Bureau of the State House		
144	1102-3331	Office of the State House Superintendent	\$400,000
145	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND SECURITY		
146	1790-1700	Core Technology Services and Security	\$317,262
147	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS		
148	Department of Public Utilities		
149	2100-0013	Transportation Oversight Division	\$256,000
150	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
151	Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services		

152	1599-6903	Chapter 257 and Human Service Reserve	\$28,465,994
153		Massachusetts Commission for the Blind	
154	4110-2000	Turning 22 Program and Services	\$350,000
155		Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission	
156	4120-2000	Vocational Rehabilitation for People with Disabilities	\$100,000
157	4120-6000	Head Injury Treatment Services	\$34,496
158		Department of Youth Services	
159	4200-0300	Department of Youth Services Residential Services	\$8,000,000
160		Department of Public Health	
161	4512-0200	Bureau of Substance Addiction Services	\$7,000,000
162	4512-2020	DPH Public Safety Reform Matching Grants	\$3,146,536
163	4590-0250	School-Based Health	
164		Programs.....	\$1,000,000
165		Department of Mental Health	
166	5011-0100	Department of Mental Health Administration and Operations	
167			\$105,000
168		EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES	
169		Office of the Secretary of Veterans' Services	

170           1410-1700    Department of Veterans' Services IT \$300,000

171           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

172           Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation

173           7006-0000    Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation       \$73,000

174           Division of Banks

175           7006-0010    Division of Banks       \$1,900,000

176           Division of Insurance

177           7006-0020    Division of Insurance \$1,950,000

178           Division of Occupational Licensure

179           7006-0040    Division of Occupational Licensure   \$250,000

180           7006-0142    Office of Public Safety and Inspections       \$334,000

181           Division of Standards

182           7006-0060    Division of Standards \$223,000

183           Department of Telecommunications and Cable

184           7006-0071    Department of Telecommunications and Cable       \$175,000

185           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

186           Office of the Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities

187           7004-0102    Homeless Individual Shelters \$4,627,529

188           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

189           Department of Early Education and Care

190           3000-4060    Income-Eligible Child Care   \$13,619,274

191           3000-2050    Children's Trust Fund \$350,000

192           Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

193           7061-9805    Teacher Diversity Initiative   \$12,000,000

194           Department of Higher Education

195           1596-2425    DHE Endowment Match        \$1,900,000

196           1596-2432    Capacity Building for Free Community College    \$9,100,000

197           1596-2433    Scholarships for Nursing Students at Community Colleges   \$9,700,000

198           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

199           Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and Security

200           8000-0601    Project Safe Neighborhood Initiative \$1,000,000

201           8000-0605    Human Trafficking Prevention        \$431,000

202           Massachusetts State Police

203           8100-0515    New State Police Class        \$5,974,741

204	Department of Fire Services		
205	8324-0000	Department of Fire Services Administration	\$133,489
206	Department of Corrections		
207	8900-0001	Department of Corrections Facility Operations	\$22,771,552
208	8900-1100	Re-Entry Programs	\$827,819
209	Parole Board		
210	8950-0001	Parole Board	\$500,000

211 SECTION 2C.II. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2025 balances of  
212 retained revenue and intragovernmental chargeback authorizations which otherwise would revert  
213 on June 30, 2024, the unexpended balances of the authorizations listed below, not to exceed the  
214 amount specified below for each item, are hereby re-authorized for the purposes of and subject to  
215 the conditions stated for the corresponding item in sections 2 to 2F, inclusive, of chapter 28 of  
216 the acts of 2023; provided, that for items which do not appear in said sections 2 to 2F, inclusive,  
217 of said chapter 28, the amounts in this section are re-authorized for the purposes of and subject to  
218 the conditions stated for the corresponding item in said sections 2 to 2F, inclusive, of this act or  
219 in prior appropriation acts. Amounts in this section are re-authorized from the fund or funds  
220 designated for the corresponding item in sections 2 through 2F, inclusive, of the general  
221 appropriation act; however, for items which do not appear in said sections 2 through 2F,  
222 inclusive, of the general appropriation act, the amounts in this section are re-authorized from the  
223 fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in said sections 2 through 2F, inclusive, of

224 this act or in prior appropriation acts. The sums re-authorized in this section shall be in addition  
225 to any amounts available for those purposes.

226 MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

227 0940-0103 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Retained Revenue  
228 \$2,200,000

229 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

230 Operational Services Division

231 1775-0800 Chargeback for Purchase Operation and Repair of State Vehicles  
232 \$400,000

233 SECTION 3. The first sentence of subsection (a) of section 19 of chapter 15D of the  
234 General Laws, inserted by section 36 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by  
235 striking out the words “separate, non-budgeted special revenue” and inserting in place thereof the  
236 following word:- budgeted.

237 SECTION 4. Section 31 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, inserted by in section 5 of  
238 chapter 150 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “2FFFFFF”, each  
239 time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 2JJJJJ.

240 SECTION 5. Subsection (f) of section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as  
241 appearing in section 57 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the  
242 first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:- Annual expenditures  
243 from the fund shall not exceed that year’s spending threshold, less the dedicated transportation  
244 income surtax revenue amount. Each year’s spending threshold shall be equal to the prior year’s

245 spending threshold plus an adjustment factor equal to the 10-year rolling rate of growth of  
246 income subject to the tax specified in subsection (d) of section 4 of chapter 62 as certified by the  
247 commissioner of revenue.

248 SECTION 6. Section 2FFFFFFF of said chapter 29, inserted by section 6 of chapter 150  
249 of the acts of 2024, is hereby repealed.

250 SECTION 7. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 2IIIIII,  
251 inserted by section 58 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, the following section:-

252 Section 2JJJJJ. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the  
253 commonwealth a separate fund known as the Fair Housing Fund. There shall be credited to the  
254 fund: (i) revenue from appropriations or other funds authorized by the general court and  
255 specifically designated for the fund; (ii) any gifts, grants or private contributions; (iii) any  
256 interest on the fund's assets; and (iv) other amounts credited or transferred to the fund from any  
257 other sources. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended without further appropriation.  
258 Any balance in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall be available for expenditure in  
259 subsequent fiscal years and shall not be transferred to any other fund or revert to the General  
260 Fund; provided, however, that the comptroller shall report the amount remaining in the fund at  
261 the end of each fiscal year to the house and senate committees on ways and means.

262 (b) The fund shall be administered by the office of fair housing established in section 31  
263 of chapter 23B and funds shall be expended for the purpose of eliminating housing  
264 discrimination. Activities eligible for assistance from the fund shall include, but shall not be  
265 limited to: (i) private enforcement initiatives; (ii) education and outreach initiatives; (iii) fair

266 housing testing; (iv) lending discrimination; (v) affirmatively furthering fair housing; and (vi)  
267 special projects.

268 (c) Grantees eligible for assistance shall include, but shall not be limited to, fair housing  
269 assistance programs and fair housing initiative programs, as defined by the United States  
270 Department of Housing and Urban Development, any private, non-profit agency or any state-  
271 funded public housing authority.

272 SECTION 8. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following  
273 section:-

274 Section 70. (a) A city or town may enter into an agreement with a housing developer or  
275 residential development owner to provide a preference for affordable housing to low- or  
276 moderate-income veterans, as defined in clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4, if the  
277 residential development is subject to: (i) inclusionary zoning; (ii) incentive zoning; or (iii) a  
278 density bonus ordinance or by-law. The preference shall be for not more than 10 per cent of the  
279 affordable units in a particular development.

280 (b) A preference provided pursuant to this section shall be established in the applicant  
281 selection process for available affordable units. Applicants who are veterans, as defined in said  
282 clause Forty-third of said section 7 of said chapter 4, and who apply within 90 days of the initial  
283 marketing period of the development shall receive preference for the rental of not more than 10  
284 per cent of the affordable units. After the first 90 days of the initial marketing period, if units  
285 subject to the preference remain available, applicants from the general public shall be considered  
286 for occupancy. Following the initial marketing period, qualified applicants who are veterans shall  
287 be placed on a waiting list for the preference-occupied units for veterans and on any general



288 waiting list. Veterans on the preference-occupied waiting list shall be given preference for  
289 affordable units, as the units become available, whenever the percentage of preference-occupied  
290 units is below 10 per cent.

291 (c) An agreement to provide affordable housing preference to veterans pursuant to this  
292 section shall not affect a municipality's ability to receive credit for the unit for affordable  
293 housing pursuant to sections 20 to 23, inclusive, of chapter 40B; provided, however, that such  
294 unit or development shall meet all other eligibility criteria for inclusion on the subsidized  
295 housing inventory pursuant to 706 CMR 56.00 and any applicable federal or state subsidy  
296 program requirements. An agreement under this section may be monitored by a third party  
297 designated by the municipality.

298 (d) This section shall not require an increase in the existing amount of affordable units set  
299 by the city or town.

300 (e) A city or town that has entered into an agreement pursuant to this section may require  
301 proof of veteran status and income eligibility as the city or town deems necessary to determine  
302 eligibility for preference under this section.

303 SECTION 9. Section 18 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, inserted by section 14 of  
304 chapter 150 of the acts of 2024, is hereby repealed.

305 SECTION 10. Section 1 of chapter 40V of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
306 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "residential", in line 16, the  
307 following words:- new construction or.

308 SECTION 11. Section 4 of said chapter 40V, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
309 inserting after the word “the”, in line 9, the following words:- new construction or.

310 SECTION 12. Paragraph (5) of subsection (q) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General  
311 Laws, as most recently amended by section 19 of chapter 50 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further  
312 amended by striking out the words “awarded by EOHLC in a calendar year shall not be applied  
313 to awards in a subsequent year” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- authorized  
314 by EOHLC during a calendar year shall be added to the amount EOHLC may authorize in  
315 subsequent years.

316 SECTION 13. Paragraph (xii) of subsection (d) of section 2A of chapter 63 of the  
317 General Laws, as appearing in section 28 of said chapter 50, is hereby amended by striking out  
318 the words “and paragraph (xii)”.

319 SECTION 14. Section 38 of said chapter 63, as appearing in section 31 of said chapter  
320 50, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (g) and inserting in place thereof the following  
321 subsection:-

322 (g) If the sales factor is inapplicable, the corporation’s taxable net income shall be  
323 apportioned to the commonwealth based on the corporation’s property and payroll in the  
324 commonwealth. The sales factor shall not be applicable if: (i) both its numerator and  
325 denominator are 0; (ii) the denominator is less than 10 per cent of one third of the taxable net  
326 income; or (iii) it is otherwise determined by the commissioner to be insignificant in producing  
327 income. The sales factor shall not be deemed to be inapplicable solely because the numerator is  
328 0. The commissioner shall adopt regulations providing for such method of apportionment.

329 SECTION 15. Subdivision (5) of section 38BB of said chapter 63, as appearing in section  
330 33 of said chapter 50, is hereby amended by striking out the words “awarded by EOHLC in a  
331 calendar year shall not be applied to awards in a subsequent year” and inserting in place thereof  
332 the following words:- authorized by EOHLC during a calendar year shall be added to the amount  
333 EOHLC may authorize in subsequent years.

334 SECTION 16. Subsection (b) of section 2A of chapter 71B of the General Laws, as  
335 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-  
336 Notwithstanding chapter 66A, any other provision of this section or any other general or special  
337 law to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education and the bureau of  
338 special education appeals may share with each other personal data regarding students and other  
339 individuals to carry out their respective responsibilities under state and federal laws and  
340 regulations.

341 SECTION 17. Section 11A of said chapter 71B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
342 adding the following sentence:- Notwithstanding chapter 66A or any other general or special law  
343 to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education and county houses of  
344 correction may share with each other, with school districts and with educational service  
345 providers personal data of individuals incarcerated in county houses of correction to facilitate  
346 prompt access to special education services for individuals incarcerated in county houses of  
347 correction.

348 SECTION 18. Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
349 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 172 to 186, inclusive, as so  
350 appearing, the words “pleasure passenger vehicles owned by veterans who, according to the

351 records of the United States Veterans' Administration, has been determined to have a service-  
352 connected disability rating of 60 per cent or greater and by reason of service in the armed forces  
353 of the United States have suffered loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet; or loss or  
354 permanent loss of use of one or both hands; or permanent impairment of vision of both eyes of  
355 the following status: central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective  
356 glasses, or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the  
357 peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends  
358 an angular distance no greater than twenty degrees in the better eye, or any other disability or  
359 handicap of such veterans which may be determined by the medical advisory board as  
360 established by section eight C, and”.

361 SECTION 19. The seventh paragraph of said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so  
362 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the third and fourth sentences.

363 SECTION 20. Said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further  
364 amended by striking out, in lines 246 to 258, inclusive, as so appearing, the words “and the  
365 words “Disabled Veteran” for a pleasure passenger vehicle or a pick-up truck owned or leased by  
366 and used by a veteran who, according to the records of the United States Veterans’  
367 Administration, by reason of service in the armed forces of the United States has suffered loss or  
368 permanent loss of use of one or both feet; or loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands;  
369 or permanent impairment of vision of both eyes of the following status: central visual acuity of  
370 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity of more than  
371 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that  
372 the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater that 20 degrees in the  
373 better eye, or any other disability or handicap”.

374 SECTION 21. Said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further  
375 amended by striking out the twelfth paragraph, as so appearing.

376 SECTION 22. Said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further  
377 amended by striking out the fifteenth through seventeenth paragraphs, inclusive, and nineteenth  
378 through twenty-second paragraphs, inclusive.

379 SECTION 23. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further  
380 amended by inserting after section 2I the following section:-

381 Section 2J. (a) The registrar shall design and maintain a series of distinct and individual  
382 license plates recognizing those who have served in the military and for those who deserve  
383 special recognition relating to or deriving from military service.

384 (b) Any veteran meeting the definition of a veteran in clause forty-third of section 7 of  
385 chapter 4 or section 1 of chapter 115, or who is eligible for the annuity provided under section  
386 6C of chapter 115, shall be eligible and entitled to a veteran plate which shall carry the  
387 denotation "VETERAN", upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of such status as determined  
388 by the registrar.

389 (c) The series of distinct and individual license plates recognizing those who have served  
390 in the military and for those who deserve special recognition relating to or deriving from military  
391 service shall include the license plates described in the following paragraphs:

392 (1) Veterans ranked as at least 60 per cent disabled by the United States Department of  
393 Veterans Affairs, including those who have suffered the loss of a limb, permanent visual acuity  
394 loss of 20/200 in an eye, or are otherwise determined to be disabled or handicapped by the

395 medical advisory board established in section 8C, shall be entitled to a distinctive disabled  
396 veteran plate.

397 (2) Veterans who have been captured and incarcerated by foreign forces in conflict or  
398 held as prisoners of war shall be entitled to a distinctive plate recognizing that status.

399 (3) Veterans who are members of the Legion of Valor of the United States of America,  
400 Incorporated shall be entitled to a distinctive plate recognizing that status.

401 (4) Veterans awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor shall be entitled to a distinctive  
402 plate recognizing that status, including, subject to availability, the use of the initials of the award  
403 recipient followed by CMH signifying their award.

404 (5) Veterans awarded the Order of the Purple Heart shall be entitled to a distinctive plate  
405 indicating that status which shall include the words "COMBAT WOUNDED."

406 (6) Survivors of the attack upon Pearl Harbor shall be entitled to a distinctive plate  
407 reflecting that status and bearing the word "VETERAN" thereupon.

408 (7) Residents of the commonwealth serving in any branch of the national guard shall be  
409 entitled to a distinctive plate reflecting that status.

410 (8) Residents of the commonwealth awarded the Medal of Liberty under section 67A of  
411 chapter 33 shall be entitled to a distinctive plate reflecting that status.

412 (9) The next of kin of a member of the armed forces, in possession of a Gold Star Lapel  
413 Button under the regulations of the United States Secretary of Defense, shall be entitled to a  
414 Gold Star Family distinctive plate. Said button shall not be an eligibility requirement for those  
415 who have presented other satisfactory evidence of their status, as determined by the registrar.

416 (d) A veteran who has served in the armed forces and is entitled to a veteran license plate  
417 shall also be entitled to the issuance of a decal or emblem denoting their branch of service.  
418 Residents of the commonwealth identifying as a woman veteran who served in any branch shall  
419 be entitled to a distinctive decal which the registry of motor vehicles shall design and issue.

420 (e) The following individuals shall be entitled to a distinctive plate, emblem or decal  
421 denoting their award status:

422 (1) Owners of private vehicles awarded 1 of the following decorations for valor or  
423 gallantry: the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Distinguish  
424 Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Air Force Cross, or any other similar award designated by the  
425 secretary of veterans' services.

426 (2) A resident of the commonwealth qualifying as a Gold Star parent, child, sibling,  
427 grandchild or spouse. A distinctive plate, under this paragraph, may not be used in conjunction  
428 with a motor vehicle that has promotional or advertising material thereupon.

429 (f) Veterans entitled to a distinctive plate shall be entitled to have a distinctive emblem or  
430 decal reflecting service in Operation Enduring Freedom or the receipt of the Iraqi Freedom  
431 Campaign Ribbon, an Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon, a Persian Gulf Campaign Ribbon, the  
432 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Inherent Resolve  
433 Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Service  
434 Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, or the Prisoner of War Medal.

435 (g) Under any special recognition or status recognized in this section, a widowed person  
436 shall not be compelled to surrender their distinctive plate, emblem or decal unless they remarry,  
437 cancel or fail to renew registration. If the deceased person was entitled to recognition under any

438 portion of this section but did not apply for special status under this section, a widowed person  
439 may nonetheless apply in the stead of their deceased spouse.

440 (h) Any special status under this section shall entitle the bearer to only 1 special plate,  
441 emblem or decal; provided, however, that such person may, at their option, have the distinctive  
442 plate, emblem or decal issued in a form suitable for use on a motorcycle rather than a passenger  
443 car.

444 (i) Any plate to which an individual is entitled under this section shall be issued without  
445 fee other than the established registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles and  
446 motorcycles. The registrar may provide individuals the option of paying an additional fee. Any  
447 funds related to the additional fee generated under this section shall be distributed to the state  
448 operated veterans' homes on an equal basis, to their special account, up to \$500,000 for each  
449 home. Any excess fee over \$500,000 for each state-operated veterans' home shall be placed in  
450 the special trust fund subject to the control of the secretary of veterans' services.

451 SECTION 24. Chapter 92 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
452 is hereby amended by striking out section 34F and inserting in place thereof the following  
453 section:-

454 There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate, non-  
455 budgeted special revenue fund known as the Middlesex Fells Reservation Fund, which shall be  
456 administered by the commissioner of conservation and recreation, who shall consult with  
457 relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited to, Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation,  
458 Inc. and any abutting municipalities. The fund shall be credited with: (i) appropriations or other  
459 money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to



460 the fund; (ii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants  
461 and donations; (iii) fees generated by permits, licenses, and all other agreements relating to the  
462 use of the Middlesex Fells Reservation that are not directed to the General Fund; and (iii) any  
463 interest earned on such money.

464           Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, to  
465 advance recreational, educational and conservation interests, including, but not limited to, the  
466 construction and maintenance of facilities and infrastructure improvements for the area within  
467 the Middlesex Fells reservation.

468           The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for  
469 expenditure in subsequent fiscal years and shall not revert to the General Fund. No expenditure  
470 made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point.

471           SECTION 25. Section 51<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as inserted by section 32  
472 of chapter 177 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out the words “(vi) licensed  
473 physician assistant who practices in the field of psychiatry (vii) licensed psychiatric clinical  
474 nurse specialist” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

475           “(vii) licensed physician assistant who practices in the field of psychiatry; (viii) licensed  
476 psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist; (viii) a licensed psychiatric mental health  
477 nurse practitioner”.

478           SECTION 26. Section 130 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as inserted by section 37  
479 of chapter 177 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out the words “application of  
480 social work theory and methods in the treatment of mental and emotional disorders”.

481 SECTION 27. Subsection (b) of section 47XX of chapter 175 of the General Laws,  
482 inserted by section 44 of chapter 186 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the  
483 word “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- carrier.

484 SECTION 28. Subsection (b) of section 8YY of chapter 176A of the General Laws,  
485 inserted by section 45 of said chapter 186, is hereby amended by striking out the word  
486 “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- non-profit hospital service  
487 corporation.

488 SECTION 29. Subsection (b) of section 4YY of chapter 176B of the General Laws,  
489 inserted by section 46 of said chapter 186, is hereby amended by striking out the word  
490 “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- medical service corporation.

491 SECTION 30. Subsection (b) of section 4QQ of chapter 176G of the General Laws,  
492 inserted by section 47 of said chapter 186, is hereby amended by striking out the word  
493 “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- health maintenance  
494 organization.

495 SECTION 31. Section 7 of chapter 268A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
496 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 51 and 52, the words “division of  
497 health care policy and finance” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive  
498 office of health and human services.

499 SECTION 32. Said section 7 of said chapter 268A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
500 amended by striking out, in line 66, the words “mentally ill or mentally retarded persons” and  
501 inserting in place thereof the following words:- persons with mental health conditions or  
502 intellectual or developmental disabilities.

503 SECTION 33. Section 1 of chapter 268B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
504 amended by inserting after the word “reporting”, in lines 43 and 44, the following word:-  
505 person’s.

506 SECTION 34. Section 2 of said chapter 268B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
507 striking out, in lines 5, 33, 34 and 38, the word “chairman” and inserting in place thereof, in each  
508 instance, the following word:- chair.

509 SECTION 35. Section 3 of said chapter 268B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
510 striking out, in lines 30 and 31, the words “home address of the filer” and inserting in place  
511 thereof following words:- home address, personal email address and personal and home  
512 telephone number of the filer and the name and home address of a family member of the filer.

513 SECTION 36. Item 2000-7081 of section 2A of chapter 209 of the acts of 2018 is hereby  
514 amended by striking out the words “federal and state recognized tribes”, inserted by section 12 of  
515 chapter 42 of the acts of 2022, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- tribal  
516 governments.

517 SECTION 37. Said item 2000-7081 of said section 2A of said chapter 209, as most  
518 recently amended by section 13 of said chapter 42, is hereby further amended by inserting after  
519 the words “federal agencies” the following words:- , tribal governments.

520 SECTION 38. Said item 2000-7081 of said section 2A of said chapter 209, as so  
521 amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “used for municipal” the  
522 following words:- , tribal government.

523 SECTION 39. Section 75 of chapter 260 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by  
524 striking out the figure “2025”, inserted by section 2 of chapter 107 of the acts of 2022, and  
525 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2027.

526 SECTION 40. Item 8200-0200 of section 2 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021 is hereby  
527 amended by striking out the figure “2024”, inserted by section 50 of chapter 77 of the acts of  
528 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

529 SECTION 41. Section 67 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021, as appearing in section 56 of  
530 chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “2024”, the first time  
531 it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

532 SECTION 42. Said section 67 of said chapter 102, as so appearing, is hereby further  
533 amended by striking out the words “March 15, 2024” and inserting in place thereof the following  
534 words:- March 31, 2025.

535 SECTION 43. Item 5095-0017 of section 2 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022 is hereby  
536 amended by inserting after the words “January 1, 2023” the following words:- and such funds  
537 shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

538 SECTION 44. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 126 is hereby amended  
539 by striking out the figure “2024”, inserted by section 93 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, and  
540 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

541 SECTION 45. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 126 is hereby further  
542 amended by striking out the figure “2024”, inserted by section 113 of said chapter 77, and  
543 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

544 SECTION 46. Item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of said chapter 126 is hereby amended  
545 by striking out the figure “2024”, inserted by section 132 of said chapter 77, and inserting in  
546 place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

547 SECTION 47. Section 87 of chapter 177 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by  
548 striking out the figure “23” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “32”.

549 SECTION 48. Item 1599-6090 of section 2A of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 is hereby  
550 amended by striking out the words “; provided further, that a lien shall be placed on the site to  
551 ensure that the commonwealth is the first recipient of reimbursement if the site is sold”.

552 SECTION 49. Said item 1599-6090 of said section 2A of said chapter 268 is hereby  
553 further amended by striking out the words “for a feasibility study for the decommissioned power  
554 plant on Agawam avenue in the city known as the town of West Springfield” and inserting in  
555 place thereof the following words:- to the city known as the town of West Springfield for a  
556 municipal master plan update.

557 SECTION 50. Item 1410-0012 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023 is hereby  
558 amended by adding the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until July 31,  
559 2025.

560 SECTION 51. Item 1410-1616 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as amended by  
561 section 14 of chapter 88 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by inserting after the  
562 word "Arlington" the following words: - and such funds shall be made available until June 30,  
563 2025.

564 SECTION 52. Item 1595-6368 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
565 inserting after the word “corridor”, the second time it appears, the followings words:- and such  
566 funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

567 SECTION 53. Said item 1595-6368 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby  
568 amended by inserting after the word “corridor”, the third time it appears, the followings words:-  
569 and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

570 SECTION 54. Said item 1595-6368 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
571 amended by inserting after the word “Hanson”, the second time it appears, the following words:-  
572 and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

573 SECTION 55. Item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
574 inserting after the word “Wellesley” the following words:- and such funds shall be made  
575 available until June 30, 2025.

576 SECTION 56. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said section 28 is hereby further  
577 amended by inserting after the word “shelter” the following words:- and such funds shall be  
578 made available until June 30, 2025.

579 SECTION 57. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
580 is hereby further amended by adding the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than  
581 \$12,673,961 shall be expended to support missed prior year payments to municipalities and local  
582 education agencies pursuant to items 1233-2350 and 7061-0008 and such funds shall be made  
583 available until June 30, 2025.

584 SECTION 58. Item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
585 inserting after the word “park”, the twenty-sixth time it appears, the following words:- and such  
586 funds shall be made available until June 30 2025.

587 SECTION 59. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
588 amended by inserting after the word “school”, the third time it appears, the following words:-  
589 and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

590 SECTION 60. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
591 amended by inserting after the word “improvements”, the twenty-fifth time it appears, the  
592 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

593 SECTION 61. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
594 amended by inserting after the word “school”, the fourth time it appears, the following words:-  
595 and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

596 SECTION 62. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
597 amended by inserting after the word “Inc.”, the twelfth time it appears, the following words:- and  
598 such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

599 SECTION 63. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
600 amended by inserting after the word “network” the following words:- and such funds shall be  
601 made available until June 30, 2025.

602 SECTION 64. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
603 amended by inserting after the word “Somerville”, the second time it appears, the following  
604 words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

605 SECTION 65. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
606 amended by inserting after the word “Neck” the following words:- and such funds shall be made  
607 available until June 30, 2025.

608 SECTION 66. Item 4512-0206 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
609 inserting after the word “emergency” the following words:- and such funds shall be made  
610 available until June 30, 2025.

611 SECTION 67. Item 4513-1136 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
612 inserting after the word “commonwealth”, the first time it appears, the following words:- and  
613 such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

614 SECTION 68. Said item 4513-1136 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
615 amended by inserting after the word “media”, the third time it appears, the following words:- and  
616 such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

617 SECTION 69. Item 7004-0107 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as most recently  
618 amended by section 186 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by inserting after  
619 the word “improvements”, the second time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall  
620 be made available until June 30, 2025.

621 SECTION 70. Said item 7004-0107 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
622 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “development”, the sixth time it appears,  
623 the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

624 SECTION 71. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as most recently  
625 amended by section 38 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by inserting



626 after the word “Fitchburg”, the second time it appears, the following words:- and such funds  
627 shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

628 SECTION 72. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
629 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “operations”, the second time it appears,  
630 the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

631 SECTION 73. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
632 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “station”, the third time it appears, the  
633 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

634 SECTION 74. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
635 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “growth”, the first time it appears, the  
636 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

637 SECTION 75. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
638 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “Scituate”, the second time it appears, the  
639 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

640 SECTION 76. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
641 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “need”, the second time it appears, the  
642 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

643 SECTION 77. Item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
644 inserting after the word “bus” the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until  
645 June 30, 2025.

646 SECTION 78. Said item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further  
647 amended by inserting after the word “schools”, the fifteenth time it appears, the following  
648 words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

649 SECTION 79. Item 8000-0313 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
650 inserting after the word “Auburn” the following words:- and such funds shall be made available  
651 until June 30, 2025.

652 SECTION 80. Item 8324-0050 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as most recently  
653 amended by section 16 of chapter 88 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by inserting after the  
654 word “item”, the fourth time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall be made  
655 available until July 30, 2025.

656 SECTION 81. Said item 8324-0050 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,  
657 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “department”, the tenth time it appears, the  
658 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

659 SECTION 82. Item 9110-9002 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
660 inserting after the word “vehicle”, the second time it appears, the following words:- and such  
661 funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

662 SECTION 83. Item 0610-2000 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby  
663 amended by striking out the figure “\$300,000” and inserting in place thereof the following  
664 figure:- \$1,100,000.

665 SECTION 84. Said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by inserting  
666 after item 1599-4417 the following item:-

667           1599-4448     For a reserve to meet the costs of salary adjustments and other economic  
668 benefits authorized by the ratified collective bargaining agreements.....\$200,000,000.

669           SECTION 85. Item 4512-0206 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
670 by adding the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended  
671 to Southwest Corridor Park Conservancy, Inc. for biohazard cleanups along the Southwest  
672 Corridor park in the Back Bay, Roxbury and South End sections of the city of Boston; provided  
673 further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Gavin Foundation for biohazard  
674 cleanup services in the areas of Andrew Square, Edward Everett Square and Sgt Alexander F.  
675 Pacuska Circle in South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of Boston.

676           SECTION 86. Said item 4512-0206 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby further  
677 amended by striking out the figure “\$6,478,000” and inserting in place thereof the following  
678 figure:- \$6,528,000.

679           SECTION 87. Item 7006-0011 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
680 by inserting after the figure “255F”, the second time it appears, the following words:- ; provided  
681 further, that the division may expend from such revenue an amount to be determined by the  
682 commissioner of banks as grants for the operation of a program for best lending practices, first-  
683 time homeowner counseling for nontraditional loans and not less than 10 foreclosure education  
684 centers under section 16 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2007; provided further, that said grants  
685 shall be awarded through a competitive application process under criteria established by the  
686 division.

687           SECTION 88. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
688 by inserting the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be

689 expended to the town of Chelmsford for a tree and invasive species inventory and management  
690 plan.

691 SECTION 89. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby further  
692 amended by striking out the figure “\$22,791,545” and inserting in place thereof the following  
693 figure:- \$22,866,545”.

694 SECTION 90. Item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
695 by striking out the words “Merrimack Valley Children’s” and inserting in place thereof the  
696 following words:- Merrimack Volley.

697 SECTION 91. Item 8000-0655 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
698 by striking out the word “grantee” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- with  
699 options for additional renewal periods.

700 SECTION 92. Item 4000-0103 of section 2B of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by  
701 striking out the figure “\$31,489,176” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-  
702 \$45,489,176.

703 SECTION 93. Item 1595-1068 of section 2E of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by  
704 striking out the figure “\$433,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-  
705 \$444,250,000.

706 SECTION 94. Said item 1595-1068 of said section 2E of said chapter 140 is hereby  
707 further amended by striking out the figure “\$682,202,000” and inserting in place thereof the  
708 following figure:- \$837,827,000.

709 SECTION 95. Subsection (a) of section 201 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by  
710 striking out the figure “2024” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “2025”.

711 SECTION 96. Said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by striking out section 250  
712 and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:

713 Section 250. Sections 80 to 99, inclusive, shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

714 Section 250A. Section 88 shall only apply to land purchased or taken under a tax title on  
715 or after July 1, 2025.

716 SECTION 97. Item 1599-1953 of chapter 150 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by  
717 striking out the words “Hanover Affordable Housing Trust for purposes including, but not  
718 limited to, planning, design, engineering and construction of public housing units, site and  
719 building infrastructure repairs and property acquisition” and inserting in place thereof the  
720 following words:- Hanover Affordable Housing Trust for purposes including, but not limited to,  
721 planning, design, engineering and construction of housing units, site and building infrastructure  
722 repairs and property acquisition.

723 SECTION 98. Section 136 of said chapter 150 is hereby amended by striking out the  
724 words “and section 101 of chapter 143 of the General Laws”

725 SECTION 99. Said chapter 150 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 136  
726 the following section:-

727 Section 136A. The executive office of housing and livable communities shall promulgate  
728 guidance or regulations pursuant to section 101 of chapter 143 of the General Laws not later than  
729 June 15, 2025.

730 SECTION 100. Chapter 197 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out section  
731 22 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

732 Section 22. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by adding the following 2  
733 sections:-

734 Section 85. To establish Medicaid rates for skilled nursing facilities licensed pursuant to  
735 section 71 of chapter 111, the division of medical assistance shall use as base year costs for rate  
736 determination purposes the reported costs of the calendar year not more than 2 years prior to the  
737 current rate year.

738 Section 86. (a) The division of medical assistance shall establish a skilled nursing facility  
739 rate add-on program for bariatric patient care and a rate add-on program for 1-on-1 staffing of at-  
740 risk residents requiring 24-hour monitoring and supervision for their safety and the safety of  
741 other residents and staff. The division of medical assistance shall identify at-risk resident  
742 populations to include in the rate add-on program for 1-on-1 staffing which shall include, but not  
743 be limited to, residents that: (i) have demonstrated suicidal ideation; (ii) have demonstrated  
744 aggressive behavior toward other residents or staff; (iii) have demonstrated exit-seeking  
745 behavior; or (iv) are registered sex offenders. The rate add-ons for said program shall be  
746 sufficient to defray the cost of employing the required staff to conduct the 24-hour monitoring  
747 and supervision of the at-risk residents.

748 (b) The division of medical assistance may develop an add-on to rate of payment for  
749 skilled nursing facilities that develop small house nursing homes and meet criteria established by  
750 the executive office.

751 SECTION 101. Section 42 of said chapter 197 is hereby amended by striking out the  
752 figure “83” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 85.

753 SECTION 102. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, employees of  
754 the Berkshire County Regional Emergency Communications Center, employed by the Berkshire  
755 county sheriff, are hereby transferred to the state 911 department. The transfer, including any  
756 change in an employee’s title or duties resulting from the transfer, shall not: (i) interrupt an  
757 employee’s service; (ii) impair an employee’s seniority, retirement or other statutory rights; (iii)  
758 result in an employee’s loss of accrued rights to holidays, sick leave or vacation; or (iv) reduce  
759 an employee’s compensation or salary grade. Such employees shall not be considered new  
760 employees for salary, wage, tax, health insurance, Medicare or any other federal or state  
761 purposes. Upon transfer, the secretary of administration and finance shall become the employer  
762 within the meaning of chapter 150E of the General Laws, and the transferred employees shall  
763 become members of statewide collective bargaining unit 2, as certified by the department of  
764 labor relations. Nothing in this section shall continue any obligation under any expired collective  
765 bargaining agreement or any agreement made pursuant to an expired collective bargaining  
766 agreement and any such agreement shall expire pursuant to its terms. Nothing in this section  
767 shall be construed to confer upon any transferred employee any right not held immediately  
768 before the date of transfer to the state 911 department or to prohibit any reduction of salary  
769 grade, transfer, reassignment, suspension, discharge, layoff or abolition of position not prohibited  
770 before such date.

771 SECTION 103. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an increase in  
772 the annual rate of regular compensation that results from an increase in hours of employment,  
773 overtime wages, a bona fide change in position, or a modification in the salary or salary schedule

774 negotiated for bargaining unit members under chapter 760 of the acts of 1962 that occurred  
775 between March 1, 2020 and July 1, 2024, inclusive, shall not apply to paragraph (f) of  
776 subdivision (2) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

777 SECTION 104. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
778 2024, the comptroller shall transfer \$150,000,000 from income surtax revenue as defined by  
779 subsection (a) of section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the Early Education  
780 and Care Operational Grant Fund established in section 19 of chapter 15D of the General Laws.

781 SECTION 105. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
782 comptroller shall transfer the fiscal year 2024 consolidated net surplus pursuant to section 5C of  
783 chapter 29 of the General Laws to the Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund established in  
784 section 35RRR of Chapter 10 of the General Laws.

785 SECTION 106. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, tax revenue  
786 collected from capital gains income above the threshold established in section 5G of chapter 29  
787 of the General Laws shall be transferred as follows for fiscal year 2024: (i) 34 per cent shall be  
788 transferred to the Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund established in section 35RRR of  
789 Chapter 10 of the General Laws; (ii) 17 per cent shall be transferred to the Commonwealth  
790 Stabilization Fund established in section 2H of chapter 29 of the General Laws; (iii) 17 per cent  
791 shall be transferred to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter  
792 32A of the General Laws; (iv) 17 per cent shall be transferred to the Commonwealth's Pension  
793 Liability Fund established in subsection (e) of subdivision 8 of section 22 of chapter 32 of the  
794 General Laws; and (v) 15 per cent shall be transferred to the General Fund..



795 SECTION 107. The salary adjustments and other economic benefits authorized by the  
796 following collective bargaining agreements shall be effective for the purposes of section 7 of  
797 chapter 150E of the General Laws:

798 (1) the agreement between the sheriff of Middlesex county and the Teamsters Local  
799 Union No. 122, Unit SM2, effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;

800 (2) the agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the  
801 Coalition of MassDOT Unions, Unit B, Unit D02, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
802 2027;

803 (3) the agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the  
804 Coalition of MassDOT Unions, Unit C, Unit D03, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
805 2027;

806 (4) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Service Employees  
807 International Union, Local 888 on behalf of certain employees of the North, Middle, and South  
808 Berkshire Registry of Deeds, Unit SC5 effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

809 (5) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Office of  
810 Professional Employees International Union AFL/CIO Local 6 on behalf of certain employees of  
811 the Hampden Registry of Deeds, Unit SC6, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

812 (6) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Office of  
813 Professional Employees International Union AFL/CIO Local 6 on behalf of certain employees of  
814 the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Unit SC6, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
815 2027;

816 (7) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Office of  
817 Professional Employees International Union AFL/CIO Local 6 on behalf of certain employees of  
818 the Worcester Registry of Deeds, Unit SC6, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

819 (8) the agreement between the Sheriff of Plymouth County and the Association of County  
820 Employees, Unit SP4, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

821 (9) the agreement between the Sheriff of Plymouth County and the National Correctional  
822 Employees Union, Local 104, Unit SP1, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

823 (10) the agreement between the Sheriff of Bristol County and the Massachusetts  
824 Correction Officers Federated Union, Unit SA4, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
825 2027;

826 (11) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the International  
827 Union of Public Employees/UFPO Local 1000 on behalf of certain employees of the Northern  
828 Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Unit SC7, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

829 (12) the agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the  
830 Coalition of MassDOT Unions, Unit E, Unit D09, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
831 2027;

832 (13) the agreement between the Sheriff of Plymouth County and National Correctional  
833 Employees Union, Local 301, Unit SP7, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

834 (14) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Service Employees  
835 International Union, Local 888 AFL/CIO on behalf of certain employees of the Worcester North  
836 Registry of Deeds, Unit SC1, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

837 (15) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and AFSCME Local  
838 653, Council 93, Administrative Unit on behalf of certain employees of the Essex North and  
839 South Registries of Deeds, Unit SC3, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

840 (16) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and AFSCME Local  
841 653, Council 93, Employees on behalf of certain employees of the Essex North and South  
842 Registries of Deeds, Unit SC3, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027; and

843 (17) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and AFSCME Local 93,  
844 Council 414 on behalf of certain employees of the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Unit  
845 SC4, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

846 SECTION 108. Sections 13 and 14 shall take effect on January 1, 2025.