## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 5034**

House bill No. 5007, as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and as amended and passed to be engrossed by the House on July 13 and 14. July 14, 2022.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relating to economic growth and relief for the commonwealth.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which are to forthwith direct the expenditure of certain federal funds 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, relating to economic growth and relief for the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

- SECTION 1. The sums set forth in sections 2 and 2A are hereby appropriated from the
- 2 federal COVID-19 response fund established in section 2JJJJJ of chapter 29 of the General Laws
- 3 and the General Fund for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act,
- 4 and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year in which
- 5 the sums are disbursed. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously appropriated
- and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be made available until
- 7 June 30, 2027.
- 8 SECTION 2.

9	OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
10	Office of the Comptroller
11	1599-3384 Judgments, settlements and legal fees\$12,000,000
12	EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
13	Reserves
14	1599-4448 Collective bargaining contract costs\$12,720,941
15	1599-2051 Federal funds oversight\$5,000,000
16	SECTION 2A.
17	EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
18	Reserves
19	1599-6059 For a reserve for investments in broadband infrastructure across the
20	commonwealth; provided, that funds shall be administered in consultation with the executive
21	office of housing and community development for programs including the Last Mile
22	Infrastructure Grant program; provided further, that in order to be eligible for funding, projects
23	must promote digital equity and inclusion; provided further, that priority shall be given to
24	projects that benefit communities of color; provided further, that grants may be expended for
25	providing wireless broadband connection to public housing units, public libraries and public
26	schools and devices necessary to access said wireless connection; and provided further, that
27	funds may be expended on projects that include private-public partnerships to provide
28	community hotspots\$50,000,000

1599-6060 For a reserve for affordable housing and homeownership equity; provided,
that funds shall be expended for projects that create and enhance access to homeownership in
order to foster economic mobility with long-term benefits for housing security, racial equity and
health outcomes to address the homeownership gap in socially disadvantaged communities;
provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the first year of the Small
Properties State Acquisition Funding Pilot as part of the Housing Stabilization and Investment
Trust Fund established in section 2 of chapter 121F of the General Laws; provided further, that
said program shall issue soft loans to supplement other acquisition soft loans administered by
municipal or other affordable housing acquisition lenders on a rolling basis; provided further,
that acquisitions pursuant to this program shall follow the affordability restrictions of said
affordable housing acquisition lenders; provided further, that loans under this program shall be
used for the acquisition of buildings of no less than 1 unit and no more than 8 units of residential
housing for rental or ownership, or mixed-use buildings, for a term of up to 50 years; and
provided further, that funds may be transferred to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund,
established in chapter 121D of the General Laws, for the creation and retention of affordable
housing units across the commonwealth\$101,000,000
1599-6061 For a reserve for an equitable developers' financing program to provide
financial assistance to projects to construct, rehabilitate or redevelop residential or mixed-use

financial assistance to projects to construct, rehabilitate or redevelop residential or mixed-use residential properties or redevelop blighted, abandoned, vacant or underutilized properties into new residential, commercial or light-industrial uses, or construct or rehabilitate owner-occupied manufactured housing; provided, that in order to be eligible for funding in this item, (i) the project must be in gateway cities, qualified census tracts or communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; and (ii) the developer or sponsor must be an

individual, or an entity controlled by 1 or more individuals, that has been socially and economically disadvantaged or disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic, as defined by a certification process to be developed by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency; provided further, that said financing program may be administered by 1 or both the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency and the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency; provided further, that such financial assistance may take the form of a grant, loan, equity investment or other form of financial assistance as determined by the administering agency; provided further, that eligible uses of funding may include, but shall not be limited to: (a) predevelopment costs such as the costs of permitting, engineering and site planning, traffic studies, environmental assessment, design and architecture, legal fees and title and appraisal fees; and (b) financing low and no interest loans, grants, subsidies, credit enhancements and the costs incurred by public instrumentalities of interest rate reductions on permanent financing offerings or funding a portion of a capital pool or reserve for purposes including, but not limited to, providing equity and guarantees to eligible projects; provided further, that such financial assistance shall be awarded, to the extent feasible, in a manner that reflects geographic and demographic diversity and social, racial and economic equity within the commonwealth; and provided further, that not more than 5 per cent of this item may be used for the reasonable costs of administering the program.....\$75,000,000

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1599-6062 For a reserve to support businesses impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic and subsequent variants; provided, that not less than \$200,000,000 shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation established in chapter 40W of the General Laws for grants to support small businesses negatively impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that not less than \$75,000,000 shall be expended for

grants to hotels throughout the commonwealth; provided further, that any hotel property that (i) received funds from Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation in a previous round of small business grants; or (ii) was eligible to receive said funds but did not apply for said grants shall not be eligible; provided further, that any hotel property whose revenues in calendar year 2021 exceeded that property's gross revenues in calendar year 2019 shall not be eligible to receive funds; provided further, that the preceding proviso shall not apply to nascent hotels or hotel properties which were under major renovation or construction during calendar year 2019; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for operational support grants to movie theaters in the Commonwealth; provided further, that to be eligible for said grants, applicants must: (a) have had at least \$15,000 in box office ticket sales in calendar year 2019; (b) have experienced a decline in box office sales between calendar year 2019 and subsequent years, or portions thereof, of 40 percent or more; (c) be physically located in the Commonwealth; and (d) have no current tax liens on record with the department of revenue at the time of application; provided further, that priority shall be given to applicants with four screens or fewer; provided further, that eligible businesses shall receive \$15,000 per screen for each of the first two screens at a particular location and \$10,000 per each additional screen at a particular location; provided further, that not less than \$50,000,000 shall be expended for grants to small businesses; provided further, that eligible grant applicants for small businesses shall have no more than 50 employees; provided further, that grants may be used for employee payroll and benefit costs, mortgage interest, rent, utilities and interest on other debt obligations; provided further, that not less than \$75,000,000 shall be expended for grants to: (i) businesses that focus on reaching underserved markets; (ii) minority-owned, women-owned and veteran-owned businesses; and (iii) immigrant and first generation owned businesse.....\$203,000,000

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1599-6063 For a reserve for local economic recovery efforts and community development projects; provided, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for local economic recovery efforts in Shrewsbury; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Westborough for local economic recovery efforts; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the repaying of the Gate 43 access road to the Quabbin reservoir; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of Holyoke's 150th anniversary celebration in 2023; provided further, that not less \$60,000 shall be expended for the Brockton Public Library System for needed roof replacement and HVAC improvements; provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for the Wakefield Lynnfield Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for The Friends of Norcross Center, Inc. for the restoration and preservation of the Norcross House in East Longmeadow and for a new slate roof, repainting, window repairs and other repairs to the home and carriage house which is used for events, an arts and crafts gallery, an education center and a reception hall; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Living Local 413 for the completion and launch of a new web application platform, the hiring of a full-time executive director and part-time assistance to support and expand the business community throughout western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Melrose for placemaking activities in furtherance of commerce and civic engagement; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Wakefield for repairs to the Civic Center roof; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Wakefield for façade improvements to small businesses; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for the Cape Ann Museum for renovations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000

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shall be expended for Hyde Park Main Streets for economic development opportunities for businesses located in the Hyde Park Main Streets' business district; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Roslindale Village Main Streets in order to further promote economic development opportunities for businesses located in the Roslindale Village Main Streets' business district; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for The Open Door in Gloucester for capacity expansion to serve people in Essex county; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Grace Center of Gloucester for costs associated with renovations of the center's new location; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts International Festival of the Arts Victory Theatre Performing Arts Center to support the Pioneer Valley Economic Revitalization Project; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Westfield Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for installation and upgrades of lighting at Brooklawn Park fields in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$8,000,000 shall be expended for the city of Revere for riverfront infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Revere Riverfront District; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Greenfield for the repair and replacement of the water main in the business district; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Westfield parks and recreation for revitalization of the downtown area and stimulation of business; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Pittsfield for the William Stanley business park and the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority Site 9 redevelopment; provided further, that not less than \$8,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Littleton for the Littleton common King street development; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for the

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repurposing of the Waterford Street school building in Gardner; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for local economic recovery efforts and infrastructure improvements in Bridgewater; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for local economic recovery efforts and infrastructure improvements in Raynham; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for traffic mitigation at Main street and South street in Medford; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Southampton for a study on a new public safety complex; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Tech Goes Home to support its mission to end the digital divide, ensure digital inclusion for families, adults and seniors within low-income, marginalized communities and provide the support needed to partner with schools, nonprofits and community organizations to provide digital skills training, free devices and access to high-quality internet; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the historic Chevalier Theatre in Medford to replace the roof and façade; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the redevelopment, design and construction of Hurld Wyman Elementary School park in Woburn; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for upgrades and improvements to the Halifax Senior Center; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for new athletic fields at Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the revitalization of the downtown Village Center area of Westminster and improvements to create a more walkable, business-friendly and aesthetically accommodating Main street; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for a village overlay district and mixed use redevelopment of the former department of public works building on Main street in Holden; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for renovations and accessibility improvements for

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Memorial park and other parks in Taunton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for a reevaluation of the zoning by-laws in Paxton; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for traffic signal infrastructure and drainage improvements at the intersections of Lunenburg street, Main street and Summer street in Fitchburg; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for improving accessibility and expanding the community garden in the town of Reading; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for the replacement of Gath Memorial pool in Newton with a modern, accessible community lap pool with a splash pad; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for a grant to the Martin Richard Foundation and Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester to support the construction and renovation of the Dorchester Field House in the Harbor Point Neighborhood of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$55,000 shall be expended for History Cambridge for the purposes of developing programming for Cambridge's 400th anniversary; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for outdoor basketball courts with fencing and lights in Sudbury; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Provincetown Fine Arts Center to work collaboratively with the Provincetown Art Association and Museum, the Truro Center for the Arts and Twenty Summers to support critical infrastructure upgrades, staff training opportunities, hybrid programming and accessibility measures; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Cape Cod Village, Inc. to provide residential services and appropriate programming for adults with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Helping Our Women in Provincetown for the expansion of services; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the resurfacing of the basketball court and street hockey rink at the Ipswich River Park in the

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town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the restructure, repair and replacement of Kidspot in the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements to the playground located at Houghton Elementary School in Sterling; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for traffic mitigation measures related to the closure of the Hall-Whitaker bridge in Beverly; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Merrimack Valley Public Safety Youth Center in Lawrence for a safe space for structured education, health and recreational programming for at-risk youth throughout the Merrimack Valley and to defer economic loss due to the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that not less than \$65,000 shall be expended for Mission Hill LINK shuttle bus services that provide safe transit and access to the MBTA, medical campus and shopping for elders and people with disabilities without MBTA access near their homes; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the Greater Lawrence Boat House for recreational activities for at-risk youth in Lawrence on the Merrimack river and the promotion of economic development through tourism; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for broadband and emissions updates to the North American Indian Center of Boston's headquarters; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Ateneo Dominicano Del Merrimack Valley to maintain Dominican culture in the Merrimack Valley and promote economic development through tourism; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Sandwich for the restoration, renovation and reconstruction of the Sandwich boardwalk that provides recreational access to the preserved areas of Old Harbor creek, Mill creek, Dock creek, Town beach and Cape Cod bay; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Tobin Community Center in Boston for partnerships and information sharing between organizations

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and for addressing gun violence and gun violence-related trauma; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for IntenZe 978 Boxing Club in Lawrence to provide at-risk youth with health and wellness programming and promote economic development through tourism and recreation; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Boston to provide services to vulnerable populations; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for local economic recovery efforts in Dracut; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for local economic recovery efforts in Tyngsborough; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the replacement of a deteriorating wooden boardwalk along Plymouth harbor at the town boat ramp with a resilient pedestrian walkway and lighting and rails to improve safety and public access; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for the engineering and associated work to be done on Pond Park culvert on route 117 in Bolton; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Stow Acres innovation, conservation, recreation and development partnership; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the Gloucester Boxing Club; provided further, that not less than \$388,000 shall be expended for the design and installation of heating pumps for the Hudson Public Library; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for HVAC upgrades and improvements at Springfield Technology Park due to the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for a matching grant program for minority-owned and women-owned microbusinesses in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for traffic signals at South Main street and route 28 and the intersection of North street and Oak street in Randolph; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for improvements to the playing field and playground

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equipment at Varney playground in Chelmsford; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for The Latino Economic Development Corporation for continued support and assistance for small business; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Greater Easthampton Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the development of Booth playground on South street in Foxborough; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for infrastructure improvements to the historic Brooks Estate in Medford; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for local economic recovery efforts in Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$1,250,000 shall be expended for Christina Street Bridge Preferred Concept Plans for the purposes of installing a bridge and shared-use path across the Charles river connecting to the conservation area along the Charles river in Needham; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for design development work related to the renovation of the Worcester Memorial Auditorium into a state-of-the-art digital innovation, education and skills training, arts and entertainment facility; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for improvements to playgrounds in Rowley to address disability access for equitable use; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the South Hadley and Granby Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Courageous Sailing Center in the Charlestown section of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$33,000 shall be expended for local economic recovery efforts in Abington; provided further, that not less than \$33,000 shall be expended for local economic recovery efforts in Whitman; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Spirit of Springfield, Inc. for events that provide a sense of community, civic pride and opportunities for celebration of diversity in the Latino community; provided further, that not less than \$33,000

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shall be expended for local economic recovery efforts in East Bridgewater; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for AHORA, Inc. for its financial literacy programs in Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for New North Citizens' Council, Inc. in Springfield for the Latino Health Salsa in the Parks Family Summertime Intervention; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for The Guild in Dorchester; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce for the creation of the Duxbury Chamber Affiliate; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for FalmouthNet, Inc. for professional services and research expenses in support of efforts to build a town-wide, community-based fiber-optic network; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of emergency repairs to the Beachmont Post No. 6712 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Inc. in Revere; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for construction at and improvements to the Pembroke Community Center; provided further, that not less than \$800,000 shall be expended for improving accessibility and reconstructing the east entrance of Mittineague Park in West Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Hyde Park 155 Planning Committee for the furtherance of economic development opportunities for the Hyde Park business community as part of Hyde Park's 155th anniversary; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Youth Development Organization in Lawrence for the support of high school juniors and seniors in their path to secondary education and long-term employment through the expansion of the Postsecondary Pathways program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the renovation and redevelopment of the historic Strand Theatre in Clinton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for infrastructure improvements in

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Duxbury; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Fino Field Athletic and Baseball Field Complex in Milford; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for improvements to the industrial park in Avon; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for expansion of, renovations to and improvements to the Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for providers of naturally occurring retirement communities for the elderly with whom the department of elder affairs entered into service agreements in fiscal year 2022 and shall maintain proportions of total available funding equal to those provided in fiscal year 2022; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the Hanson Public Library for expansion, renovations and improvements; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for Prom Angels Foundation Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for recreation improvements in the Monponsett neighborhood in Hanson; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for targeted economic development and planning work for the West Natick area around the West Natick Commuter rail station to support area redevelopment; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the restoration and preservation of the historic E.B. Newton School in Winthrop, including the clock tower, room and HVAC system; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Franklin for a community wide branding and marketing study; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for seating upgrades and improvements to the Lynn Auditorium; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for revitalization and economic improvements in Grafton; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for revitalization and economic improvements in Northbridge; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for revitalization and economic

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improvements in Upton; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Beacon Hill Village to expand its technological improvements and the provision of programming and services for older adults; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for improvements to Charlesgate Park in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for rebuilding and modernization of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation's digital infrastructure system to aid in recovery from the negative economic impacts of the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for East Somerville Main Streets in Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Needham town common; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for wayfinding and streetscape improvements in Medfield; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for public safety equipment for Billerica; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for bus shelters for commuting employees in the Industrial Park in Fall River to promote economic activity; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Fall River Arts and Culture Coalitions' Mural Project to bolster tourism and economic activity in Fall River; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for local economic recovery in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$8,000,000 shall be expended for the city of Haverhill for the Downtown Merrimack Street Redevelopment project and the Merrimack Street Public-Private Redevelopment Project design; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements on Water street along the Chicopee river in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the repurposing of the McCloskey School building in Uxbridge; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Downtown Hyannis Community Development Corporation for connecting downtown businesses to the

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OpenCape fiber-optic network; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Cotuit Federated Church for maintenance, upgrades and repairs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Love Live Local to provide small businesses located in Barnstable with access to capital in order to enlist technical assistance services from local service providers; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for debt service obligations incurred by the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate so that the institute may continue offering civic education programming to the public; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Community Art Center, Inc. in Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for renovations to Evans Field in South Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for hazardous materials abatement and demolition of the old primary school building in Lunenberg; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Milton Art Center; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for the Greendale Revitalization Initiative in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Arlington Historical Society; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the North Andover Merchants Association; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the Amesbury Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the design, construction and implementation of the Downtown Initiative Action Plan in Winchester; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for United Way Franklin Hampshire County to support the creation and implementation of a diaper pantry to serve Franklin and Hampshire counties; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for the construction of the Welcome Center and African Experience exhibit at the entrance to the Franklin Park Zoo operated by the Commonwealth Zoological Corporation

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established in section 2 of chapter 92B of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for traffic signals and roadway improvements at the intersection of Hathaway road and Rockdale avenue located in New Bedford; provided further, that funds may be expended for the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission for Work, Inc. to develop and fund an outcomes-based pilot contract measuring and funding services that result in employment and wage gains for individuals with disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$9,000,000 shall be expended for the improvement of the intersection at Western avenue, Soldiers Field road and Birmingham parkway in Brighton; provided further, that not less than \$6,000,000 shall be expended for the replacement and construction of all sidewalks and safety ornamental fencing of all Massachusetts Department of Transportation property along Riverview road, from the Brooks street bridge to the Parsons street bridge, along Newton street past the intersection of Charlesview street, from the North Beacon street bridge, along North Beacon street to Vineland street, along Vineland street to Market street, and the creation of a passive park at the corner of Vineland street and North Beacon street in Brighton; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for HVAC improvements to Walpole high school in Walpole; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the historic Ludlow First Church and Meeting House for roof repairs; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the planning, design and construction of administrative offices for the Stoneham School Department in Stoneham; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the construction of a playground and recreational area for the children and families of the precinct of Marstons Mills in Barnstable; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for improvements to the former Chicopee municipal library, including but not limited to, improvements complying with building codes such as fire and safety and regulations

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pertaining to accessibility for persons with disabilities, to further enhance the economic development activity in Chicopee's downtown; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Norwood to offset the rise in transportation expenses after the closure of Norwood Hospital due to a historic climate hazard occurring during the pandemic; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Williamstown Summer Theater youth internship program; provided further, that not less than \$600,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of a new park in Everett Square to improve pedestrian access and safety and create opportunities for outdoor dining, farmers markets and other activities; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the town of Uxbridge for the Main street initiative and the repurposing of the McMcloskey building; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the town of Millville for demolition and site preparation of the Millville Old Town Hall; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the Basketball Hall of Fame in the city of Springfield for repairs and upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Springfield Symphony Orchestra for a series of educational initiatives and concerts aimed at local school communities and concerts created for minority, diverse, economically challenged neighborhoods and non-traditional audiences; provided further, that not less than \$280,000 shall be expended for New England Public Media for new a Community Engagement & Outreach Center for downtown Springfield to provide inner city youth and adult programming and services; and provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the city of Boston for the repair and maintenance of aquatic facilities......\$85,537,000

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1599-6064 For a reserve for investments in nursing facilities and rest homes for costs including, but not limited to, those related to the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic and

subsequent variants; provided, that funds shall be distributed in consultation with the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that not less than \$30,000,000 shall be expended for rest homes for 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic related costs including, but not limited to, testing, personal protective equipment and reimbursement for said costs; provided further, that not later than September 1, 2022, pursuant to the executive office of health and human services' Administrative bulletin 22-02 entitled 101 CMR 206:00: Standard Payments to Nursing Facilities and effective January 15, 2022, the executive office shall provide a Medicaid supplemental payment to nursing facilities consistent with said bulletin and 101 CMR 206 to offset increased costs of providing care not accounted for in the nursing facility's prospective payment system rates during the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic including workforce related costs; and provided further, that not less than \$165,000,000 shall be expended for payments consistent with the executive office of health and human services' Administrative bulletin 22-02 entitled 101 CMR 206:00: Standard Payments to Nursing Facilities and effective

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subject to rate implementation under chapter 257 of the acts of 2008; provided, that any human service provider receiving said supplemental payments shall use not less than 90 per cent of said supplemental payments for their direct care workforce including, but not limited to, hourly rate increases, wraparound benefits, shift differentials, overtime, hiring and retention bonuses or recruitment, as defined by the executive office of health and human services; provided further, that said methodology for distributing such supplemental payments shall be developed in consultation with the executive office of health and human services and representatives of organized labor; provided further, that any human service provider shall, as a condition of

receiving said funds, submit a spending plan for said funds to the executive office of health and human services; and provided further, that not later than November 18, 2022, the executive office of administration and finance, in consultation with the executive office of health and human services, shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means: (i) the methodology used to distribute said funds; (ii) the distribution of funds delineated by provider; and (iii) the use of funds by each provider................\$100,000,000

1599-6068 For a reserve to fund various economic development projects throughout the commonwealth; provided, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for New England Farm Workers Council for continued expansion in Western Massachusetts within the public

community college and public vocational school systems for the promotion of educational offerings and the provision of employment opportunities; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation for a director to oversee, promote and curate the foundation for 1 year, marketing and the purchase of cars, tools and parts; provided further, that not less than \$8,000 shall be expended for police bicycles in Saugus; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for fire equipment in Saugus; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the Italian Home for Children for a capital improvement project to serve high acuity children that require a specialized facility; provided further, not less than \$623,000 shall be expended for statewide imagination library program that fosters higher levels of child literacy by providing books to children ages newborn to 5 years of age; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the department of elementary and secondary education to aid in the disbursement of federal funds for the Local Food for Schools Program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Operation A.B.L.E. of Greater Boston, Inc., to provide basic workforce and skills training, employment services and job re-entry support to older workers; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for costs associated with the purchase of information technology, medical equipment and interior building construction and the furnishing of a community health center licensed under an academic medical center in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the Montachusett Veterans' Outreach Center for the building or acquisition of additional housing units; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Harbor Health Services, Inc. for upgrades to dental equipment, technology infrastructure and operations at the community based dental health clinics servicing Plymouth and Cape Cod; provided further, that not less than

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\$250,000 shall be expended for Torch Light Recovery Group to further promote re-entry services for people who were formally incarcerated; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for SCM Transportation to assist seniors in getting to doctor's appointments and grocery stores; provided further, that not less than \$2,200,000 shall be expended for the town of Ludlow for Westmass Area Development Corp Ludlow Mill #8 and Mill #11 to immediately increase affordable housing production; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended for Community Servings Inc. for a 1-time investment to support increased demand and expand the medically tailored meal program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Berkshire Bounty Inc. for efforts to combat food insecurity in rural communities; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the Haven From Hunger food program in Peabody; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for Fairview Hospital in the town of Great Barrington for the continuation of the Collaborative Care program in the 5 Southern Berkshire Public Schools; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the Danvers Community Council; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the Middleton Food Pantry; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress for the Your Next Star employment training program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the Minnechaug Regional High School Booster Club for the replacement and installation of the Falcon Athletic Field at Minnechaug Regional High School with turf, said field having served as a critical recreation facility and respite for the Wilbraham school community during the Covid-19 pandemic; provided further that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for STRIVE, a job training and placement service for the chronically unemployed, to provide access to technology

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equipment and training for clients who are disproportionately impacted by poverty and the pandemic; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Cape Cod Healthcare for the development, construction and the equipment of an urgent care facility in Orleans; provided further, that \$15,000 shall be expended for the town of Harwich for the purchase of new voting machines; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Cape Cod Law Enforcement Council to provide mental health, wellness and suicide prevention services to emergency service providers in the towns of Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for North Star Family Services to facilitate the development of Journey Home permanent supportive family housing for North Central Massachusetts families; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for New England Life Flight, Inc., Boston MedFlight, for critical care air medical and dedicated ground critical care transport equipment; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for RESIST Foundation for the Project Turnaround Program for violence prevention programming in the neighborhoods of Boston with the highest rates of community violence and gun violence as well as the promotion of and support of workforce development for formerly incarcerated individuals; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham for costs associated with the design and construction of an outdoor amphitheater on the grounds of Stoneham high school; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a gang-to-college pilot program to serve gang-involved youth from high-crime areas in the city of Boston enrolled in college pathway programs; provided further, that \$1,000,000 shall be expended for a 3-year grant to Roca, Inc. to plan for and expand the intervention model for high-risk Young Mothers Program into Boston for young mothers experiencing acute trauma, multiple systems

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involvement, mental health needs, domestic violence and abuse; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for public health and safety initiatives and revitalization of Ringer park in the Allston section of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership to develop and implement a workforce development second chance initiative to improve outcomes for underserved populations, and candidates facing challenges entering the workforce; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree for economic development; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Holbrook for economic development; provided further, that not less than \$144,000 shall be expended for the Mattapan Community Health Center for increased salaries for nurses, and medical or clinical assistants; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the SEIU Local 509 Commonwealth Human Service Workers and Educators Training Professional Development Fund to train and address the impacts of secondary trauma on DCF social workers; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Greater Lynn Senior Services, Inc. for its elder housing stabilization program; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for Harbor Health Services, Inc. to expand care models to keep seniors in their homes and communities and to implement senior friendly technology infrastructure upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$70,000 shall be expended for the Boston Debate League to support their after-school debate league and work with incarcerated individuals; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for covering the operational costs associated with providing medical interpreter services at the Lowell community health center; provided further that \$1,000,000 be expended for Roca, Inc. to provide and administer a Transitional Employment (TEP) and other job placement programs for the highest-

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risk, court involved young people and adults in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Inc. to train community health workers to serve as the patient link to medical and social services for the disenfranchised population throughout the Worcester and MetroWest regions; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Island Health Care for dental and primary care clinic expansion; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Old Timers Sports and Family Health in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for Southwest Boston Senior Services for a one-time investment to support and provide state-wide medically tailored and culturally appropriate meals to persons battling chronic illnesses, the disabled and elders in collaboration with the statewide Meals on Wheels network; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 be expended for NeighborWorks Housing Solutions to digitize their records; provided further, that not less than \$175,000 shall be expended for the city of Lawrence Council on Aging for the purpose of repairing and bringing to code the Center's kitchen; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended for the Pembroke Titans Against Drugs – Friends of the Pembroke Drug Prevention Coalition, Inc; provided further, that not less than \$80,000 shall be expended for Mother, Overlooked, Reaching out, Empowerment in Springfield for gun violence prevention and victims services programs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Solutions at Work, Inc. to support the administration of the Green Street Shelter in Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Natick Housing Authority for the development of a master plan for public housing in Natick; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Year Up to implement workforce development programs that provide job opportunities for young adults; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended

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for the Wayland Affordable Housing Trust in Wayland for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of affordable housing; provided further, that \$750,000 shall expended for South Boston Community Health Center to fund critical renovations and expansion at the main facility, to accommodate continued growth in primary care services and to allow for better patient flow to enhance infection control protocols; provided further, that \$400,000 shall be expended for the city of Haverhill for the Airfield Redevelopment; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to Springfield Day Nursery Corporation in the city of Springfield for capital expenses associated with the construction of a new facility to expand access to early education, center-based care and family services to low-income children and families in western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the downtown revitalization, roadway and environmental enhancement project in the town of Millbury; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Front-Line Initiative in Tewksbury to allow the opportunity to look at innovative ways to expand the work being done in service of the community; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the operation of the school-based health center for the Randolph Public Schools system; provided further, that not less than \$2,144,000 shall be expended for the extraordinary and unreimbursed COVID-19 pandemic related expenditures incurred by the New England Center for Children during fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements at Waverley Oaks Apartments in Belmont; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the town of Belmont for the predevelopment costs for Sherman Gardens Apartments; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Randolph fire department for a new ambulance; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the town of Belmont for improvements to the Belmont

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Public Library; provided further, that not less than \$1,600,000 shall be expended for a federally qualified community health center with a 24/7 satellite emergency facility licensed under 105 C.M.R. 130 to establish an early diagnosis program to address racial disparities in health care in communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; provided further, that not less than \$8,000,000 shall be expended for Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center for the purpose of planning and construction of a new state of the art, ADA-compliant health center in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for provided further, that not less than \$900,000 shall be expended for the East Boston Community Development Corporation, Inc., for the acquisition of residential units to be maintained as affordable housing; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the town of Stoneham for the planning, building and construction costs associated with the Stoneham High School construction project; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Cambodia Town Lowell, Inc. to form an Asian-American business support division which shall provide education and training to minority-owned businesses in Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center for the costs associated with renovations, remodeling and conversion of administrative space for the expansion of behavioral services for vulnerable, high-risk patients; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the development of a faculty education institute at William James College, in collaboration with the behavioral health advisory committee established in section 72 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, UMass Amherst, Middlesex Community College and Massachusetts public higher education campuses to prepare a comprehensive plan to train Massachusetts college and university faculty and staff in mental health first aid and social emotional education techniques to

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increase the quality of campus mental health; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the city of Somerville to conduct focus groups and a feasibility study related to the development of a rental registry and energy retrofitting housing in Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for the New England Center for Arts and Technology Inc. Career Center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the city of Somerville to study energy efficiency opportunities in affordable housing for low and moderate-income households; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the design and development of three regional partial care program centers located in greater Boston, greater Worcester and greater Springfield to provide services to college and university students transitioning from an inpatient mental health service to campus, in collaboration with the behavioral health advisory committee established in section 72 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for CODAC Behavioral Health for a medical mobile unit to provide mental health services and opioid & substance abuse disorders in hot spots and community outreach to students at Westfield State University; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for athletic fields to benefit Lowell High girls and boys; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston to develop a curriculum that can be used by teachers in Boston Public Schools, as well as other educational providers that leverage existing open data from the city, state, and federal government; and provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston to support the development of programs and services that improve the experience of digital government services for multilingual communities......\$43,909,000

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1599-6069 For the distribution of funds for fiscally strained hospitals; provided, that not less than \$300,000,000 shall be distributed to eligible hospitals pursuant to section 135; provided further, that not less than \$50,000,000 shall be distributed by the secretary of health and human services as grants to hospitals designated as high public payer hospitals by the center for health information and analysis and non-acute hospitals not otherwise eligible for funding pursuant to section 135; and provided further, that the secretary shall prioritize grants for hospitals: (i) operating on significant negative margins; (ii) experiencing increased costs, reduced capacity or lost revenue due to workforce shortages; (iii) serving high percentages of COVID-19 patients; (iv) demonstrating a commitment to historically underserved populations and addressing health disparities and social determinants of health; (iv) serving high percentages of health safety net patients; (v) having a Medicaid payer mix greater than 40 per cent; or (vi) hospitals that have not been awarded significant funds authorized by this item or grants administered through the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Hospital Relief Trust Fund established in section 71 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021.......\$350,000,000

1599-6072 For a reserve to address reproductive and family planning service needs in the commonwealth; provided, that funds shall be expended for grants to providers offering services including, but not limited to, pregnancy termination, contraception and prenatal and perinatal services; provided further, that said grants may be provided for costs related to providing care including, but not limited to, security, hiring and retention and informational material to educate patients; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for a public awareness campaign to educate providers and the public about so called crisis pregnancy centers and pregnancy resource centers and their lack of medical services; provided further, that said campaign shall include information on the availability of providers across the

commonwealth that provide legitimate medical and family planning services; and provided further, that said campaign shall be linguistically diverse and culturally competent..........\$15,000,000

1599-6073 For a reserve to provide supplemental funding to the victim and witness assistance board in light of federal funding cuts; provided, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for programs and services in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for programs and services in fiscal year 2025; and provided further, that to the extent feasible, the victim and witness assistance board shall maintain the same level of programs and services offered in fiscal year 2022......\$40,000,000

1599-6074 For a reserve to reduce gun violence throughout the commonwealth; provided, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for a public awareness campaign on the commonwealth's red flag laws pursuant to sections 131R to 131Y, inclusive, of chapter 140 of the General Laws; provided further, that said campaign shall be administered in consultation with the department of public health and the department of mental health; and provided further, that funds shall be expended for grants to non-profits and community-based organizations that utilize evidence-based approaches to addressing gun violence and the impacts of gun violence-related trauma on individuals and communities........\$15,000,000

1599-6075 For a reserve for investments in publicly-owned lands and lands otherwise protected and conserved for public access including, but not limited to: reservations, parks, trails, rivers, lakes, ponds, streams and other waterways, trails, beaches, fishing piers, boat ramps, community gardens, urban farms, working farms and forests and other recreational facilities and open spaces; provided further, that funds shall be expended for municipalities and non-profit

organizations to dramatically increase new open space projects including, but not limited to, waterfront parks, trails, bike paths, playgrounds, urban farms, community gardens and green space; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the acquisition of new conservation land and the conservation and agricultural preservation restrictions on working farms and forests, particularly in critical headwater, wetland and estuarine areas; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the removal of obsolete or unwanted publicly or privately owned dams across the commonwealth; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the protection and restoration of headwaters land and wetlands on publicly or privately owned cranberry farmlands taken out of production by owners; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the restoration of coastal and tidal wetlands, including salt marshes; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the dredging of harbors, bays and inland waterways; provided further, that not less \$25,000,000 shall be expended for projects in communities of color; provided further, that priority shall be given to projects supporting communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that the executive office of administration and finance shall work with the executive office of energy and environmental affairs in distributing said funds and provided further, that grants may include a requirement for matching funds......\$175,000,000

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1599-6077 For a reserve for local and statewide environmental and tourism projects; provided, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the Doyle school playgrounds for ADA compliance; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute Incorporated for research purposes; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the design costs and related expenses associated with the construction of a water treatment plant to assist with PFAS remediation in the town of Lynnfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Grow in Revere, the Revere Food Hub in Revere; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the costs associated with a septic system or other wastewater disposal system serving the public facilities project in the town of Middleton; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for engineering costs associated with work on the Old Hix bridge and Hix bridge landing in Westport to preserve the health of the Westport river; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the replacement of a gate valve in Georgetown; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the replacement of a culvert on Orchard street in Newbury; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc. to acquire, conserve and renovate with the Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust, Inc. land at 1413-1415 Varnum avenue in Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for residential homes involved in the environmental cleanup in the area of Bliss Corner in Dartmouth; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for maintenance of the bike trail in Malden; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for renovations to public parks in Malden; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the North Shore Community Health, Inc. climate change mitigation and green

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impact initiative; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for restoration of the wetland and floodplain at Sam Wright field in Easton; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the completion of a climate mitigation project and the construction of a performing stage at the site of Riverfront park in Fitchburg; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the creation of a water treatment plant in Scituate; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for Revolutionary Spaces for various projects related to the Old State House and the Old South Meeting House; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Boch Center's Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension's water quality and hazardous waste program for the construction of a permanent household and small business hazardous waste collection and education facility; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Latin Women's Association of Brockton to support its food distribution program; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for improvements to Puffer playground in Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$55,550 shall be expended for the Lake Wallace sensory trail pond element in Belchertown; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the Clougherty Pool and Doherty Park in the Charlestown section of Boston for repairs to outdoor recreational space; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for The Charity Guild, Inc. for the food distribution program in Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the operations of the Worcester Regional Food Hub; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements to the rail trail in Berlin; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Salvation Army in Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for

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the installation of solar panels at Beverly high school or other municipal properties in Beverly; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for upgrades to water infrastructure on the Middlesex turnpike corridor in Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Dorchester Food Co-op; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for efforts to alleviate flooding in the area around Jordan street and adjoining neighborhoods in Beverly; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Urban Farming Institute; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Mattapan Food and Fitness; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Catholic Charities of Brockton for the food distribution program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for recreational programming and summer job opportunities to at-risk and low-income youth in Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the continued development of the North Reading wastewater and sewerage system; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for Gallery Z Café LLC for hood vents, dishwasher and electrical equipment; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the planning and implementation of a mixeduse walkable village in Burlington; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Mass Audubon for the conservation, remediation and the connection of a parcel of land in the town of Plymouth to Myles Standish forest and Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary to increase recreational access to open space and enhance eco-tourism; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for permits, design and engineering of the Old Marlborough road water treatment plant in Maynard; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Southwick Civic Fund for programs that address food insecurity and a regional food pantry in Southwick; provided further, that not less than \$500,000

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shall be expended for greenspace for community events and increased parking capacity at Greycourt park in Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for an excessive wastewater flow system in Chelmsford; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the operation of a PFAS remediation system in Chelmsford; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for stormwater and coastal infrastructure enhancements for flood mitigation in Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the New Lynn Coalition's grocery delivery program for individuals and families who are unable to travel to pick up groceries from food aid programs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Island Grown Initiative, LTD to create a central distribution hub for the Island Food Pantry in order to address food insecurity on Martha's Vineyard; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the department of conservation and recreation for the development of a landscape management plan for the Charles river conservation area along Quinobequin road between route 9 and route 16 in Newton; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the maintenance and improvement of Shore park and Morgan park at Indian lake in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the maintenance of walking trails at Newton Hill and related improvements in Elm park in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Acord Food Pantry in Hamilton to increase its capacity to serve people in Essex county; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the study of sewer extension from Elm street to Cobb street in Norton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for lighting and security improvements to the Connecticut river bikeway in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Dracut Food Pantry; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the

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Springfield water and sewer commission for capital projects intending to resolve issues related to operational resiliency; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for recreation improvements in Halifax; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the food banks in Avon, Canton and Stoughton; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Brookline housing authority to modernize kitchens, provided that all appliances are electric only; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the Blue Hills Weather Observatory and Science Center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Hopedale pond dam; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Riverbend park playground in Medford; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Women's Lunch Place, Inc. for the purpose of providing meals and services to homeless women and children in need; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for improvements to public facilities and park elements at Lynn Woods in Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Fenway Cares Mutual Aid Initiative, including administrative costs, to distribute fresh food and personal protective equipment to food-insecure residents in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Easthampton parks and recreation department; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for design costs and related expenses associated with the construction of a water treatment plant to assist with PFAS remediation in Webster; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for planning and implementation of Walpole's 300th anniversary celebration; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for The West End Museum, Incorporated for mitigation of the adverse effects of novel coronavirus 2019 and to recover from the impacts of a recent flood; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for

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improvements to Dugger park in Medford; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements to Parallel park in Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a water treatment plant for PFAS remediation in Abington and Rockland; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Worcester Green Corps for program staffing and awareness of green jobs and land stewardship; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Groundwork Somerville, Inc. to support their food access and urban farming programs; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for PFAS remediation and water treatment in Hanover; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for PFAS remediation and water treatment in Norwell; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Daniel's Table, Inc. in Framingham; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for startup costs for Revolution 250 related to the planning and celebration of the commonwealth's 250th anniversary of the American Revolution which will spur tourism and economic activity in all corners of the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the construction and renovation costs of the Environmental Education and Discovery Center in the southeastern Massachusetts bioreserve located in Fall River; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for rodent and pest control in Randolph; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Food for Free Committee, Incorporated in Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Community Action Pioneer Valley, Inc. for a program center and food pantry in Greenfield; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for the dredging of the channel in Quincy bay and beach restoration in the Merrymount neighborhood in Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve for the

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replacement of the restroom facility on the environmentally sensitive Washburn island; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation, Inc. for the distribution of food to veterans in need in the counties of Barnstable, Bristol and Hampden; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for design, survey, site preparation and construction of walking paths, bridges and other outdoor spaces along the Middlesex canal and open space in the town of Wilmington; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the expansion and improvement of water and sewer infrastructure in Mendon; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for design, survey, site preparation and construction of a disc golf course, parking and walking trails in Tewksbury; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the expansion of the urban farming and community climate resiliency projects of Groundwork Southcoast; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended for Tree of Life in Jamaica Plain for the infrastructure and technology needs of the Mildred C. Hailey housing development food distribution service; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Center for Human Development, Incorporated for the repair and upgrade of community kitchen facilities for the Not Bread Alone congregate meal program; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for water and sewer improvements at Belmont village in Belmont; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the expansion of the Reading Food Pantry and for other costs associated with helping the food pantry better address food insecurity issues within the town of Reading; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the construction of an ice skating rink in Belmont; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Survival Centers, Inc. to support its food pantry inventory; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the Trustees of Reservations

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for the creation of a climate-resilient waterfront park at Piers Park Phase 3 in East Boston; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the department of conservation and recreation for maintenance, irrigation, design, construction and any other related costs for the Leo J. Martin Memorial golf course in Weston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Weymouth Elder Services Center for food security programs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for increased food pantry access in Somerville; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Hilltown Mobile Market for expansion of the market to a brick and mortar facility featuring a year-round commercial kitchen; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the installation and operation of no less than 2 air quality monitoring stations in the East Boston section of Boston in cooperation with the department of environmental protection, the data from which shall be made available online to the public at regular intervals; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the silver plating factory assessment and remediation and a land use and economic development opportunity study in North Attleborough; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Weymouth Food Pantry for food security programs; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a food insecurity restaurant meals program in North Andover in partnership with the Merrimack Valley YMCA and Groundwork Lawrence, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Our Neighbors' Table, Inc. in support of the regional food hub; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for Green harbor dredging project in Marshfield; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the New England Aquarium Corporation for maintenance upgrades and other improvements; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for a marketing campaign for the

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Mohawk Trail Association, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for fire hydrant replacement in Somerset; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the town of Bellingham for the sensory playground installation at Stallbrook elementary school; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the town of Blackstone for a groundwater contamination study at Countryside Auto Salvage; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the town of Medfield to rebuild the Hinkley playground in compliance with current safety standards and ADA requirements.......\$24,260,550

1599-6078 For a reserve to address food insecurity; provided, that not less than \$25,000,000 shall be expended for the food security infrastructure grants......\$25,000,000

1599-6079 For the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust for the purpose of reducing the principal or interest costs of water quality improvement projects; provided, that eligible projects shall include, but not be limited to: improvements to drinking water systems, PFAS remediation and combined sewer overflow projects; provided further, that not less than 25 per cent of funding shall be expended for grants to minority and environmental justice communities; and provided further, that grants may include a requirement for matching

funds.....\$100,000,000

1599-6080 For a grant program to address human trafficking, to be administered by the department of public health in consultation with the executive office of public safety; provided further that eligible recipients of this grant shall have implemented an approved human trafficking awareness program for their employees which provides the following instruction: (i)

the nature of human trafficking; (ii) how human trafficking is defined pursuant to section 50 and 51 of chapter 265; (iii) how to identify victims of human trafficking, as defined in section 20M of chapter 233; (iv) relief and recovery options for survivors; (v) social and legal services available to victims; and provided further eligible applicants shall ensure that the human trafficking hotline is prominently displayed in the lobby of said establishment......\$1,000,000

1599-6081 For the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, to assist eligible low-income elders, working families and other households with assistance paying a portion of winter heating bills; provided, that the department of housing and community development shall establish the maximum assistance for which a household shall be eligible.......\$10,000,000

grants under 42 U.S.C. section 245(b) and with high populations of uninsured patients disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; Provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to contrary, on or before November 30, 2022, the executive office for administration and finance shall transfer no less than \$20,000,000 to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided further, that such funds shall be distributed no later than December 31, 2022 by the executive office of health and human services as direct payments to each provider participating in the MassHealth program as a community health center or hospital-licensed health center; provided further, that said funds shall be allocated in direct proportion to the total allowable reimbursable health services amount processed through the Health Safety Net Trust Fund for each such health center during Health Safety Net fiscal year 2017, including any related settlements; provided further, that at least 10 calendar days prior to the expected payment date to

each such health center, the executive office of health and human services shall provide a schedule listing the total allowable reimbursable health services amount processed through the Health Safety Net Trust Fund for each such health center in Health Safety Net fiscal year 2017 including any related settlements, each such health center's per cent of the aggregate total allowable reimbursable health services amount processed through the Health Safety Net Trust Fund for all such health centers combined in Health Safety Net fiscal year 2017 including any related settlements, and the proposed payment amount to each such health center........\$20,000,000

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For a reserve to provide funds for various economic development projects; 1599-6083 provided, if the Boston Landmarks Commission designates the Nazarro Community Center as a historical building then that not less than \$25,000,000 shall be expended for Boston Centers & Families within the City of Boston for the construction of a new community center within the North End section of Boston and not less than \$5,000,000 of said \$25,000,000 shall be expended for the rehabilitation of Nazarro Community Center in the North End section of Boston for the future use by a non-profit; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Boston Asian: Youth Essential for capital improvements; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Chinatown Business Association in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the Bay Village Neighborhood Association for upgrades to Elliot Norton park and the Bay Village Garden in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the North End Waterfront Resilience Association for climate resiliency planning; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for a matching grant for the repair, replacement and reconstruction of the tennis courts at Lynnfield High School; provided further, that not less than

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1599-6085 For costs associated with a study performed by the executive office of labor and workforce development on the effectiveness of career services and workforce development grant programs administered through the executive office, including Commonwealth Corporation and MassHire; provided, that said study shall include, but not be limited to, the following information: (i) status of grants awarded under the program; (ii) the number and names of educational and eligible service providers receiving grants; (iii) the number of participants receiving services under each grant; (iv) the number of participants placed in employment under each grant; (v) the salary and benefits that participants receive after placement for each grant; (vi) the average salary and benefits of participants in each program prior to participation; (vii) the cost per participant for each grant; (viii) job retention or promotion rates 1 year after training ends; (ix) job retention or promotion rates 3 years after training ends; (x) cost effectiveness of each program, including savings from public assistance and estimates of future tax contributions for participants; (xi) the number of grants awarded and money given to programs separated by region; (xii) the number of grants awarded and money given to programs separated by primary industry sector; (xiii) demographic information of participants for each grant program, including age, gender, race/ethnicity, educational attainment

SECTION 3A. To provide for a program of economic development and job creation, the sums set forth in sections 3A to 3C, inclusive, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act, are hereby made available, subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds; provided, however, that the amounts specified in an item or for a particular project may be adjusted in order to facilitate projects authorized in this act. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously authorized and made available for these purposes.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Secretary

6720-1352 For a grant program to coastal communities to be administered by the Seaport Economic Council; provided, that funds shall be used for community planning and investment activities that stimulate economic development and create jobs in the maritime economy sector and to construct, improve, repair, maintain and protect coastal assets that are vital to achieving these aims; and provided further, that the planning, prioritization, selection and implementation of projects shall consider climate change impacts in furtherance of the goals of climate change mitigation and adaptation and consistent with the integrated state hazard mitigation and climate change adaptation plan.........\$10,000,000

7002-8043 For the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation, established in section 3 of chapter 40J of the General Laws, for matching grants that support collaboration among manufacturers located in the commonwealth and institutions of higher education, non-profits and other public or quasi-public entities; provided, that eligible grantees shall include private businesses; provided further, that grants shall be awarded and administered consistent with the strategic goals and priorities of the Massachusetts advanced manufacturing collaborative established in section 10B of chapter 23A of the General Laws; provided further, that grants

7002-8044 For projects receiving assistance from the Scientific and Technology
Research and Development Matching Grant Fund established in section 4G of chapter 40J of the
General Laws; provided, that grants shall be awarded in a manner that promotes geographic,

7002-8051 For a program to provide assistance to projects that will improve, rehabilitate or redevelop blighted, abandoned, vacant or underutilized properties to achieve the public purposes of eliminating blight, increasing housing production, supporting economic development projects, increasing the number of commercial buildings accessible to persons with disabilities and conserving natural resources through the targeted rehabilitation and reuse of vacant and underutilized property; provided, that such assistance shall take the form of a grant or a loan provided to a municipality or other public entity, a community development corporation, non-profit entity or for-profit entity; provided further, that eligible uses of funding shall include, but not be limited to: (i) improvements and additions to or alterations of structures and other facilities necessary to comply with requirements of building codes; (ii) fire or other life safety codes and regulations pertaining to accessibility for persons with disabilities; (iii) where such

code or regulatory compliance is required in connection with a new commercial residential or civic use of such structure or facility; and (iv) the targeted removal of existing underutilized structures or facilities to create or activate publicly-accessible recreational or civic spaces; provided further, that funding shall be awarded on a competitive basis in accordance with guidelines developed by the agency; provided further, that financial assistance offered pursuant to this line item may be administered by the executive office through a contract with the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency established in section 2 of chapter 23G of the General Laws; provided further, that the executive office or the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency may establish additional program requirements through regulations or policy guidelines; provided further, that financial assistance offered pursuant to this item shall be awarded, to the extent feasible, in a manner that reflects geographic and demographic diversity and social, racial and economic equity within the commonwealth; and provided further, that program funds may be used for the reasonable costs of administering the program not to exceed 5 per cent of the total assistance made during the fiscal year..........\$50,000,000

7002-8052 For grants and technical assistance to be made to municipalities and regional applicants to support planning and locally-driven initiatives related to community development, housing production, workforce training and economic opportunity, child care and early education initiatives and climate resilience initiatives, including nature-based solutions projects, that incorporate these elements, across the commonwealth within individual communities, regions or a defined subset of communities therein; provided, that funds may be expended for culturally competent and multilingual technical assistance and training to small businesses; provided further, that preference for these funds shall be given to businesses located in low- or moderate-income areas and owned by women, veterans, minorities or immigrants; and

provided further, that grants shall be awarded in a manner that promotes geographic equity......\$5,000,000

7002-8054 For a competitive program of grants or other financial assistance to support economic development, job creation and housing and climate resilience initiatives, including nature-based solutions projects that incorporate these elements for the public purpose of rural areas of the commonwealth; provided, that such financial assistance may be offered to a municipality or other public entity, a community development corporation, non-profit entity or for-profit entity; provided further, that such financial assistance shall support a project located in a municipality with a population of not more than 7,000 year-round residents or a population density of not more than 500 persons per square mile; provided further, that financial assistance offered pursuant to this line item may be administered by the executive office through a contract with the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency established in section 2 of chapter 23G of the General Laws; provided further, that grants shall be awarded in a manner that promotes

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7002-8056 For a competitive grant program administered by the office of travel and tourism; provided, that funds may be used to improve facilities and destinations visited by instate and out-of-state travelers, with the goals of increasing visitation, enticing repeat visitation and increasing the direct and indirect economic impacts of the tourism industry in all regions of the commonwealth; provided further, that grants shall support the design, repair, renovation, improvement, expansion and construction of facilities owned by municipalities or non-profit entities; provided further, that all grantees to improve facilities and destinations visited by instate and out-of-state travelers shall provide a match based on a graduated formula determined by the office of travel and tourism; provided further, that grant recipients shall be required to measure and report on return on investment data after the expenditure of grant funds; provided further, that the program shall prioritize socially or economically disadvantaged businesses, which may include, but shall not be limited to, minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned and immigrant-owned small businesses, that have historically faced obstacles accessing capital; and provided further, that grants shall be awarded in a manner that promotes geographic equity......\$10,000,000

7002-8057 For various capital projects throughout the commonwealth; provided, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Brewster for the planning and development of the former Cape Cod Sea Camps property and First Light public beach; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Yarmouth for the planning, acquisition and redevelopment of abandoned or underutilized properties along the

Route 28 corridor; provided further, that not less than \$3,400,000 shall be expended for the town of Orange for the clean-up and remediation of property at 16-36 West River street; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Yarmouth for the improvement of the tidal exchange of coastal waterways and inlets; provided further, that not less than \$25,960 shall be expended for the town of Hull for the Waveland Service Station clean up and demolition; provided further, that not less than \$493,580 shall be expended for the town of Hingham for local economic recovery efforts; provided further, that not less than \$550,000 shall be expended for the town of Cohasset for the Elm street corridor; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the maritime piers repair and rehabilitation program established in section 47 of chapter 23G of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than \$107,000 shall be expended for the town of Cohasset for the 40 Park Ave Retrofit; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for the Cape Ann Museum for renovations; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the design, planning and construction of an outdoor swimming pool for the Cape Ann YMCA; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the town of Saugus for local economic recovery efforts; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the town of Saugus for the Cliftondale Square Planning and Zoning Review; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the city of Revere for local economic recovery efforts; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Fall River Redevelopment Authority for the revitalization of the Flint neighborhood; provided further, that not less than \$600,000 shall be expended for the town of Freetown for equipment upgrades to the police communications tower and for the lease of space on 2 additional towers to alleviate dead zones; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Fishing Partnership

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Support Services for investments in the promotion of diversity, equity and inclusion policies within the commercial fishing industry in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the Charles River Vegetation Management; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the new harbormaster facility in Marion; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for the repair and renovation of low-income state housing in Malden; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for the city of Malden for repairs to public parking garages for the continued revitalization of Malden Center; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for the town of Ludlow for Westmass Area Development Corp to rehabilitate and redevelop blighted and decadent historical mill buildings and associated supporting infrastructure to further affordable housing and economic development projects; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the renovation and redevelopment of the historic Fitchburg State Theater Block; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in the city of Boston for the removal of environmentally hazardous materials from the vicinity of the Prince Hall; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for a high-speed wireless service program in the downtown district in Lenox; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the New England Historic Genealogical Society for improvements to areas that house and preserve the historical artifacts and historic and genealogical records of the commonwealth including, but not limited to, genealogical and historic records of members of the general court and genealogical records of formerly enslaved populations; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for expansions to public safety infrastructure at Tanglewood in Lenox; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for The Girls Design Academy to support STEAM after-school

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education in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Boston Plan for Excellence for matching funds, for a gymnasium, auditorium and community center at the Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School enabling individual and small group instruction for students impacted by the pandemic and for after-school use by Nubian Square community organizations; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the renovation, including but not limited to accessibility upgrades, of the Old State House and the Old South Meeting House; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Wellfleet and the Friends of Herring River for uses including, but not limited to, the study, design, management, construction and undertaking of all necessary work and activities to develop and implement the Herring River Restoration Project, which will restore the natural tidal exchange, improve water quality, enhance migratory fish passage, restore shellfish habitat and increase coastal resilience on certain public and private lands, including land owned by the Chequessett Yacht and Country Club and other lands located in said towns; provided further, that not less than \$275,000 shall be expended for the towns of Cohasset, Hull and Scituate for the design of a collaborative regional sewer system allowing for economic development and housing expansion in each community; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the city of Attleboro for the assessment of environmental contamination of developable sites on priority downtown corridors to include the Riverbank road area, Sturdy Hospital area, Forest street area and Falmouth street area; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a pressure relief valve system on Jackson street associated with the redevelopment of the former Belchertown State School including the construction of over one hundred new mixed-income rental housing units; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Dismas House of Massachusetts in Worcester county; provided further, that not

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less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the historic restoration of the Governor Bellingham-Cary House in Chelsea; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the city of Brockton for the building, acquisition and capital improvements of an Intergenerational Community Center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Bridge Club of Greater Lowell for the multi-cultural recovery coach program; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for Project Learn, Inc. for the operation of the youth innovation hub learning in downtown Lowell for students to gain skills and credentials that prepare them for the workforce of tomorrow; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Megan House Foundation Inc., a residential treatment home for women ages 18 to 25, for intensive therapeutic services in Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Lowell Youth Leadership Program in Lowell to teach vital youth life skills; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the renovation work for Acre Family Child Care's new training and office space in Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the offset and coverage of any and all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the demolition of the former Veterans Park Elementary School in Ludlow to assist in the preservation of the surrounding wetlands and groundwater; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the infrastructure improvements of Hanson street in Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Plymouth for the redesign and reconstruction of town square in the heart of historic downtown Plymouth on the site of the original colonial settlement, to better promote the history of the site, increase visitation and enhance economic development and tourism; provided further, that not less than \$1,569,000 shall be expended for the town of Plymouth for upgrades to Memorial Hall to replace

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wiring, switches and fixtures throughout the building and for improvements to both the safety and function of the community and cultural event auditorium to attract more events and visitors to the hall; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Winchester for the modernization and renovation of the heating, venting and conditioning system in Winchester Town Hall; provided further that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Winchester for the reconstruction of the South Reservoir Dam in Winchester; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Stoneham for the planning, design and construction of administrative offices for the Stoneham school department; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Stoneham for the planning, building and construction costs associated with the Stoneham High School construction project; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for disability accessibility upgrades and structural and electrical improvements to the Grand Army of the Republic Hall and Museum in Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Harbor park shoreline restoration in Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the E-Team Machinist training program in Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study of a railroad-grade crossing relocation, transit-oriented development from North Main street to route 106 and a passenger parking structure at the MBTA intermodal transportation station in Mansfield; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for downtown revitalization through new street lighting and undergrounding of utility lines in Nahant; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Caribbean Integration Community Development Inc; provided further, that not less than \$3,100,000 shall be expended for the city of Newton for the Pettee Square Streetscape Enhancement Project; provided further, that not less than

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\$1,500,000 shall be expended for the following service providers: (i) Audible Local Ledger, Inc.; (ii) Audio Journal, Incorporated; (iii) Berkshire 87 Talking Chronicle; (iv) Lowell Association for the Blind, Inc.; (v) Valley Eye Radio, Inc.; and (vi) the Talking Information Center, Inc. for one time upgrades to radio technology infrastructure to improve radio reception across the commonwealth, facilitate enhanced programming and increase listenership among blind and print disabled residents of the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the acquisition and improvement of the property on and around Hampshire street, Osgood street and River street in Methuen for the development and revitalization of the Methuen historic downtown district to help existing businesses in this area rebound from pandemic-related effects and to support the Methuen master plan process as it relates to the official historic district; provided further, that not less than \$3,500,000 shall be expended for the Paramount Theater in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Massachusetts Minority Contractors of Dorchester; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the development of 200 affordable senior housing units at the intersection of Walnut street and Commercial street in Foxborough; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for a green landscape equipment grant program administered by the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to assist cities and towns' transitions to low noise, clean energy electric landscape equipment and to provide zero interest loans to landscape maintenance providers for the same purpose, in order to protect the health and safety of vulnerable landscape workers who disproportionately come from environmental justice communities and to preserve air quality by reducing toxic emissions from the small, unregulated engines used in traditional landscape equipment; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Stoughton for the redevelopment of

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Stoughton center; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Canton for the redevelopment of the recently acquired former St. Gerard Church property on Washington street; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended for the purchase, survey, engineering and construction of affordable public housing projects in Wilmington; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the proper outfitting of the new water treatment facility plant on Populatic street in Medway with administrative and technical tools, devices and equipment needed to commence operations with on-site staff; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the museum at the Revere Heritage Site in Canton; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for Jefferson park in Cambridge; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Canton housing authority in Canton for the revitalization and improvements to the authority's public housing stock; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the St. Alfio Society, otherwise known as Three Saints Inc., in Lawrence, for local tourism increases during the 2022 Feast of Three Saints, the organization's 100-year anniversary celebration, feast and cultural event; provided further, that not less than \$4,000,000 shall be expended for a sewer project in the Avon industrial park in Avon; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the town of Winthrop for local economic recovery efforts; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the Marine Biological Laboratory for the restoration of the seawall located in Woods Hole; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall be expended for the Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District to study the feasibility of constructing public restrooms and other public amenities in downtown Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for FalmouthNet, Inc. for the implementation of a town-wide, community-based fiber-optic network;

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provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the city of Northampton for water and sewer line work on Main street; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for construction of the Natick center parking garage; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the city of Springfield for the revitalization of Main street in the Indian Orchard neighborhood; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the purchase, survey, engineering and construction of affordable public senior housing projects in Dracut, including, but not limited to, the Greenmont avenue housing project; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for electronic crosswalk signs in Medford; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Greater Love Tabernacle of Dorchester; provided further, that not less than \$320,000 shall be expended for the city of Northampton to support Northampton. Live, downtown music and arts events, the Empty Storefront Start-up business support fund, parking and greater accessibility for outdoor dining; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Envision hotel for the housing of people struggling with currently untreated substance abuse disorder; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the city of Boston for building acquisition and capital improvements to a community center located in Grove Hall; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Enrichment Center in Dorchester; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Lena Park Community Center; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for renovations to Billerica town hall; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the city of Northampton for the Community Resilience Hub, including emergency shelter supports as well as downtown and campsite cleanup; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber of Commerce for capital improvements to the Buzzards bay visitors

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station; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for a feasibility study and construction of the Billerica recreation center, senior center or intergenerational center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for Springfield museums for the continued support for and buildout of the permanent Hispanic/Latino exhibit in the Wood Museum; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for sidewalk construction in Billerica; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Community Action Agency of Somerville for unanticipated costs not covered by federal grants; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Worcester Green Corps for improvements to the staffing capacity of the program by employing public high school students and young people of color to work with neighborhood and business associations, colleges, universities and other nonprofits on citywide cleanup efforts, partake in weekly educational programming and pursue green and sustainable careers; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for grant funding with a public engagement process which requires two public hearings, web viewing and participation for a smart growth design surrounding the Kings highway station of South Coast Rail to promote environmentally sound and carbon neutral development of residential, commercial and retail properties; provided further, that not less than \$330,000 shall be expended for the city of Northampton for bridge lighting, beautification and connection downtown and recreational and outdoor dining support; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the design and estimated construction costs for the restoration of the existing freight rail track and end stop on the New Bedford state pier; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for the town of Boylston for radio communication upgrades for police, fire, highway and light departments;

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provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the town of Westhampton for a regional emergency operations center in case of significant weather emergency or fire or any other public health or safety emergency; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the town of Wenham for the design, construction and installation of a bioretention system; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the city of Somerville for flood mitigation in Duck village; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended for Three Square Main Streets JP to support training equipment or employment needs associated with pandemic-related financial challenges; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended for Mission Hill Main Streets to support training equipment or employment needs associated with pandemic-related financial challenges; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Lowell Angkor Dance Troupe to support the House Asian Caucus and to support ongoing grants to AAPI cultural centers, youth classes and programming; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended for JP Center and South Main Streets to support training equipment or employment needs associated with pandemic-related financial challenges; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended for Roslindale Main Streets to support training equipment or employment needs associated with pandemic-related financial challenges; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the city known as the town of Barnstable for facade improvements to small businesses; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the city known as the town of Barnstable for the Revisioning Main Street Hyannis project; provided further, that not less than \$9,000,000 shall be expended for affordable housing at the Anne M. Lynch Homes at Old Colony; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Michael J. Perkins Post American Legion Post #67 for plumbing, heating and

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energy efficiency improvements; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for infrastructure and construction of a boat renovation, storage and educational workshop space for the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$85,000 shall be expended for the town of Westhampton for the hiring of a consultant to create guidelines, recommendations and zoning bylaw proposals that would allow for commercial development in areas with existing or new commercial uses; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation to provide high-speed internet to strengthen home-based childcare businesses entrepreneurs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for barn and other building renovations at the Forbes House Museum in Milton; provided further, that not less than \$12,500 shall be expended for Uplift JP for events, programs and resources to address racist and anti-LGBTQ+ attacks on BIPOC-owned businesses and uplift community support and unity in the Jamaica Plain section of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for Volunteers of America of Massachusetts to make critical information technology infrastructure, equipment and property upgrades to enhance the ability to deliver integrated behavioral healthcare services to individuals in recovery from mental health and substance use disorders including formerly homeless veterans and their families; provided further, that not less than \$40,000 shall expended for the Amherst Business Improvement District to construct a parklette to support downtown dining in Amherst; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Downtown Amherst Foundation to conduct a feasibility and construction cost analysis for its downtown music venue project; provided further, that not less than \$3,500,000 shall be expended for the town of Amherst for the upgrade of the Centennial water treatment plant; provided further, that not less than \$450,000 shall be expended for the

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town of Randolph for the creation and management of a household compost collection program; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Friends of the Bourne Rail Trail to conduct a feasibility study and related engineering and design studies to construct a rail corridor north of route 28 in Bourne; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Springfield Housing Authority for new roofs at Milton Court apartments; provided further, that not less than \$1,100,000 shall be expended for the Friends of the Jones Library to make ADA compliance improvements to the Jones Library project; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for Amherst regional public schools to install renewable energy alternatives; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for Lynn Housing Authority and for neighborhood development improvements to Wall plaza for asbestos remediation and renovations to kitchens and baths; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the town of Douglas for upgrades to the E.N. Jenckes Store and Museum and for the repair of the foundation, roof and other critical infrastructure throughout the building; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Silver Lake regional school district for upgrades and improvements to HVAC systems; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the town of North Andover for downtown streetscape and infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the George R. Bean Post for the costs associated with remaining open in Weymouth; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for Nusq Life Science Training Center Inc. for workforce development and infrastructure; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail for the maintenance and management of the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail to drive economic development to the 9 connecting communities; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the city of

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Somerville for a street tree protection program to identify neighborhoods with street trees compromised by natural gas leaks; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Weymouth Teen center for a technology and the jobs program; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for the renovation of the Huntington Theatre, including, but not limited to, accessibility upgrades and historic preservation; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the town of Topsfield for streetscape and beautification improvements; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority Franklin station in Franklin; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the city of Framingham for downtown parking improvements including the renovation and creation of parking garages; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Rebuilding Together Boston; and provided further, that not less than \$450,000 shall be expended for the Wildflower Alliance to expand peer respite programs to allow adults to seek care in a non-institutional setting as an alternative to hospital

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7002-8058 For any community who wishes to construct their own broadband network, with preference given to those communities with a poverty rate of 45 per cent or less, as determined by the federal Department of Housing and Urban

Development.....\$10,000,000

7002-8059 For a reserve to establish and maintain a student loan fund aimed at strengthening the nursing instructor pipeline in the commonwealth; provided, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for the department of higher education for a tuition forgiveness program for the nursing instruction workforce pipeline within the state public university system;

provided further, that the purpose of the program shall be to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty by providing funding to accredited schools of nursing to offer loans to students in advanced education nursing degree programs who are committed to becoming nurse faculty; provided further, that the department of higher education shall develop a strategy to recruit and retain students who plan to practice in an area with significant racial, ethnic and rural disparities; provided further, that any state public university system school of nursing affiliated with the application shall be accredited at the time of application; and provided further, that eligible applicants, full-time or part-time students pursuing a course of study in an advanced education nursing degree program that prepares the individual to become nurse faculty, shall commit to, immediately post-graduation, serve as a university nursing instructor for a period of not less than 5 years.........\$10,000,000

SECTION 3B.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Department of Housing and Community Development

7004-0070 For state financial assistance in the form of loans for the development of community-based housing or supportive housing for individuals with mental illness and individuals with intellectual disabilities; provided, that the loan program shall be administered by the department of housing and community development through contracts with the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency established in chapter 23G of the General Laws, the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation established in chapter 40H of the General Laws, operating agencies established pursuant to chapter 121B of the General Laws and the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency established in chapter 708 of the acts of 1966;

provided further, that those agencies may develop or finance community-based housing or supportive housing or may enter into subcontracts with non-profit organizations, established pursuant to chapter 180 of the General Laws, or organizations in which such non-profit corporations have a controlling financial or managerial interest or for-profit organizations; provided further, that preference for the subcontracts shall be given to non-profit organizations; provided further, that the department shall consider a balanced geographic plan for such community-based housing or supportive housing when issuing the loans; provided further, that the department shall consider development of a balanced range of housing models by prioritizing funds for integrated housing as defined by the appropriate housing and service agencies including, but not limited to, the department of housing and community development, the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, the department of mental health and the department of developmental services, in consultation with relevant and interested clients, clients' families, advocates and other parties as necessary; provided further, that loans issued pursuant to this item shall: (i) not exceed 50 per cent of the financing of the total development costs; (ii) not be issued unless a contract or agreement for the use of the property for such housing provides for repayment to the commonwealth at the time of disposition of the property in an amount equal to the commonwealth's proportional contribution from the Facilities Consolidation Fund to the cost of the development through payments made by the state agency making the contract; (iii) not be issued unless the contract or agreement for the use of the property for the purposes of such housing provides for the recording of a deed restriction in the registry of deeds or the registry district of the land court of the county in which the real property is located, for the benefit of the departments, running with the land, that the land shall be used to provide community-based housing or supportive housing for eligible individuals as determined by the department of mental

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health and the department of developmental services; provided further, that the property shall not be released from such restriction until the balance of the principal and interest for the loan has been repaid in full or until a mortgage foreclosure deed has been recorded; (iv) be issued for a term not to exceed 30 years, during which time repayment may be deferred by the loan issuing authority; provided further, that if on the date the loans become due and payable to the commonwealth, an outstanding balance exists and if, on such date, the department, in consultation with the executive office of health and human services, determines that there still exists a need for such housing and that there is continued funding available for the provision of services to such development, the department may, by agreement with the owner of the development, extend the loans for such periods, each period not to exceed 10 years, as the department shall determine; provided further, that the project shall remain affordable housing for the duration of the loan term, including any extension thereof, as set forth in the contract or agreement entered into by the department; provided further, that in the event the terms of repayment detailed in this item would cause a project authorized by this item to become ineligible to receive federal funds which would otherwise assist in the development of that project, the department may waive the terms of repayment which would cause the project to become ineligible; and (v) have interest rates fixed at a rate, to be determined by the department, in consultation with the state treasurer; provided further, that the loans shall be provided only for projects conforming to this item; provided further, that the loans shall be issued in accordance with a facilities consolidation plan prepared by the secretary of health and human services, reviewed and approved by the department and filed with the secretary of administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the house and senate committees on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets and the joint committee on housing; provided

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further, that no expenditure shall be made from this item without the prior approval of the secretary of administration and finance; provided further, that the department of housing and community development, the department of mental health and the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation may identify appropriate financing mechanisms and guidelines for grants or loans from this item to promote private development to produce housing, to provide for independent integrated living opportunities, to write down building and operating costs and to serve households at or below 15 per cent of area median income for the benefit of department of mental health clients; provided further, that not more than \$5,000,000 may be expended from this item for a pilot program of community-based housing or supportive housing loans to serve mentally ill homeless individuals in the current or former care of the department of mental health; provided further, that in implementing the pilot program, the department shall consider a balanced geographic plan when establishing community-based residences; provided further, that the housing services made available pursuant to such loans shall not be construed as a right or an entitlement for any individual or class of persons to the benefits of the pilot program; provided further, that eligibility for the pilot program shall be established by regulations promulgated by the department; and provided further, that the department shall promulgate regulations under chapter 30A of the General Laws to implement, administer and enforce this item, consistent with the facilities consolidation plan prepared by the secretary of health and human services and after consultation with the secretary and the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance \$32,100,000

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7004-0073 For state financial assistance in the form of grants or loans for the Housing Stabilization and Investment Trust Fund, established in section 2 of chapter 121F of the General Laws, and awarded only pursuant to the criteria established in said section 2 of said chapter

demonstration program, administered by the department of housing and community development to demonstrate cost effective revitalization methods for state-aided family and elderly-disabled public housing that seek to reduce the need for future state modernization funding; provided, that housing authorities with state-aided housing developments pursuant to chapter 200 of the acts of 1948, chapter 667 of the acts of 1954, chapter 705 of the acts of 1966, chapter 689 of the acts of 1974 or chapter 167 of the acts of 1987 shall be eligible to participate in the demonstration program; provided further, that the department may exempt a recipient of demonstration grants from the requirements of chapters 7C and 121B of the General Laws upon a showing by the recipient that such exemptions are necessary to accomplish the effective revitalization of public housing and shall not adversely affect public housing residents or applicants of any income who are otherwise eligible; provided further, that the department may provide to recipients of demonstration grants such additional regulatory relief as may be required to further the objectives of the demonstration program; provided further, that funds shall be made available for

technical assistance provided by the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation established in chapter 40H of the General Laws or the Massachusetts Housing Partnership Fund established in section 35 of chapter 405 of the acts of 1985 to recipients of demonstration grants and for evaluation of the demonstration; provided further, that the department's regulations for the implementation, administration and enforcement of this item shall: (i) require that selected housing authorities demonstrate innovative and replicable solutions to the management, marketing or capital needs of state-aided family and elderly-disabled public housing developments and contribute to the continued viability of the housing as a resource for public housing eligible residents; (ii) encourage proposals that demonstrate regional collaborations among housing authorities; and (iii) encourage proposals that propose new affordable housing units on municipally-owned land, underutilized public housing sites or other land owned by the housing authority; and provided further, that the department shall annually report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the house and senate committees on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets and the joint committee on housing on the progress of the demonstration program.....\$19,300,000

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7004-0079 For state financial assistance in the form of grants or loans to accelerate and support the creation of low-income and moderate-income housing in close proximity to

transit nodes; provided, that the program shall be administered to: (i) maximize the amount of affordable residential and mixed-use space in close proximity to transit nodes, resulting in higher density, compact development and pedestrian-friendly, inclusive and connected neighborhoods; (ii) increase mass transit ridership; (iii) decrease traffic congestion and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and (iv) increase economic opportunity for disadvantaged populations by making it easier for residents of affordable housing to access public transportation, including transportation supporting commutes to employment centers; provided further, that entities eligible to receive financial assistance shall include governmental bodies, community development corporations, local housing authorities, community action agencies, community-based or neighborhood-based non-profit housing organizations, other non-profit organizations and for-profit entities; provided further, that financial assistance provided pursuant to this section shall be made on a competitive basis, with preference for projects in communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic health and economic crisis; provided further, that grants shall be awarded in a manner that promotes geographic, social, racial and economic equity; provided further, that funds may be used to assist units occupied by and affordable to persons with incomes not more than 110 per cent of the area median income, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development with priority given to projects that provide higher and deeper levels of affordability; provided further, that not less than 25 per cent of the occupants of housing in projects assisted by this item shall be persons whose income is not more than 60 per cent of the area median income, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; provided further, that financial assistance offered pursuant to this item may be administered by the department of housing and community development through a contract with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership Fund, established in section 35 of chapter 405 of the acts

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pursuant to clause (j) of section 26 of chapter 121B of the General Laws; provided, that contracts entered into by the department of housing and community development for those projects may include, but shall not be limited to, projects providing for renovation, remodeling, reconstruction, redevelopment and hazardous material abatement, including asbestos and lead paint, and for compliance with state codes and laws and for adaptations necessary for compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the provision of day care facilities, learning centers and teen service centers and the adaptation of units for families and persons with disabilities; provided further, that priority shall be given to projects undertaken for the purpose of compliance with state codes and laws or for other purposes related to the health and safety of residents; provided further, that funds may be expended from this item to make such modifications to congregate housing units as may be necessary to increase the occupancy rate of those units; provided further, that the department shall continue to fund a program to provide predictable funds to be used flexibly by housing authorities for capital improvements to extend

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For financial assistance to accelerate and support the creation and 7004-0084 preservation of sustainable and climate resilient affordable multifamily housing; provided, that such financial assistance shall be made to: (i) incorporate efficient, sustainable and climateresilient design practices in affordable residential development to support positive climate mitigation outcomes; (ii) reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on fossil fuels; (iii) increase resiliency of existing housing developments to mitigate impacts of climate change, including flooding and extreme temperatures; and (iv) enhance emergency preparedness, including sustainable means of power generation to allow for sheltering vulnerable populations in place; provided further, that financial assistance shall be made available on a competitive basis to community development corporations, local housing authorities, community action agencies, community-based or neighborhood-based non-profit housing organizations, other non-profit organizations and for-profit entities; provided further, that funds may be used to assist units occupied by and affordable to persons with incomes not more than 110 per cent of the area median income, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development with priority given to projects that provide higher and deeper levels of affordability; provided further, that not less than 25 per cent of the occupants of housing in projects assisted by this item shall be persons whose income is not more than 60 per cent of the area median income, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; provided further,

SECTION 3C.

## TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL

0640-1006 For the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, established in section 2 of chapter 29C of the General Laws, for deposit in the Water Pollution Abatement Revolving Fund, established in section 2L of chapter 29 of the General Laws, for application by the trust to the purposes specified in section 5 of said chapter 29C, any portion of which may be used as a matching grant by the commonwealth to federal capitalization grants received under Title VI of the federal Clean Water Act or for deposit in the Drinking Water Revolving Fund, established in section 2QQ of said chapter 29, for application by the trust to the purposes specified in section 18 of said chapter 29C, any portion of which may be used as a matching grant by the

SECTION 4. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 204, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 204. (a) There shall be an advisory board on employee ownership which shall consist of 19 members, including the director of the Massachusetts office of business development or their designee, the secretary of labor and workforce development or their designee, the director of the Massachusetts growth capital corporation or their designee, the chief executive officer of Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Inc. or their designee, the director of the Center for Economic Democracy, Inc. or their designee, the chapter president of the New England chapter of the ESOP Association or their designee, the president of AFL-CIO of Massachusetts or their designee, the president of the University of Massachusetts or their designee, and 7 additional members appointed by the governor who shall represent separate and distinct corporations, each with not less than 30 per cent of company stock owned by an employee stock ownership plan or an employee ownership trust, and 4 additional members appointed by the governor who shall represent separate and distinct industrial or worker cooperatives.

(b) Each appointed member shall serve for a term of 4 years. Upon expiration of the term, a successor shall be appointed, in the same manner. Any member shall be eligible for reappointment, but shall not serve for longer than 8 consecutive years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member may be removed from their appointment by a vote of the majority of the advisory board.

- (c) Ten members of the board shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of 10 members shall be necessary and sufficient for any action to be taken by the board. The board shall meet not less than 3 times annually; provided, that remote participation in meetings shall be allowed. No vacancy in the membership of the board shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the board. Any action taken by the board may be authorized by resolution at any regular or special meeting and shall take effect immediately unless otherwise provided in the resolution.
- (d) There shall be a chairperson and a vice chairperson of the board elected annually at the first meeting of the advisory board. The board may elect such other officers as it deems necessary.
- (e) The board shall advise the governor and the director of the Massachusetts center for employee ownership on issues and policy matters pertaining to employee involvement and ownership in the commonwealth. Staff members of the Massachusetts center for employee ownership shall support the administrative functions of the board.
- (f) The board shall advise the director of the Massachusetts office of business development on the selection of a director of the Massachusetts center for employee ownership.
  - (g) The board shall adopt by-laws, operating rules, procedures and a mission statement.

SECTION 4A. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 24, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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Section 24. (a) The commission is hereby authorized to conduct a state lottery and shall determine: (i) the types of lotteries to be conducted; (ii) the prices of tickets or shares in the lottery; (iii) the number and sizes of the prizes on the winning tickets or shares; (iv) the manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares; (v) the manner of payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares; (vi) the frequency of the drawings or selections of winning tickets or shares; (vii) the types of locations at which tickets or shares may be sold; (viii) the method to be used in selling tickets or shares; (ix) the licensing of agents to sell tickets or shares; provided, however, that no person under the age of 18 shall be licensed as an agent; (x) the manner and amount of compensation, if any, to be paid licensed sales agents; provided, however, that the amount of compensation, if any, to be paid to licensed sales agents as a commission pursuant to this section shall be calculated on the total face value of each ticket or share sold and not on any discounted price of any such ticket or share sold; provided further, that the commission shall authorize licensed sales agents to facilitate point of sale transactions using a debit card; and provided further, that said commission shall prohibit point of sale transactions using credit cards as defined in section 1 of chapter 140D and that point of sale transactions under this section shall be subject to the restrictions pursuant to subsection (b) of section 5I of chapter 18; and (xi) such other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and economical operation and administration of the lottery and for the convenience of the purchasers of tickets or shares and the holders of winning tickets or shares. The commission is authorized to operate the daily numbers game 7 days a week. Each physical state lottery ticket or share shall have imprinted thereon the state seal and a serial number.

(b) The commission may establish, and from time to time revise, such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or desirable and shall file the same with the office of the state secretary; provided, however, that the commission shall establish rules and regulations for lotteries conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means that shall, at a minimum:

- (i) require age verification measures to be reasonably designed to block access to and prevent sales of lottery tickets, games or shares online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means to persons under the age of 18;
- (ii) limit sales of lottery tickets, games or shares online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means to transactions initiated and received, or otherwise made, within the commonwealth;
- (iii) allow any player to voluntarily prohibit or otherwise exclude themself from purchasing a lottery ticket, game or share online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means;
- (iv) establish maximum limits for account deposits and transactions of lottery tickets, games or shares conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means and allow players to reduce their own deposit or transaction limit at any time;
- (v) clarify that money in a lottery account belongs solely to the owner of the account and may be withdrawn by the owner at any time; and

(vi) require the commission to implement promotional activities to encourage the purchase of lottery tickets, games or shares through licensed sales agents including, but not limited to, the sale of prepaid gift cards for lottery sales through licensed sales agents.

- (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the name, address, transaction history, account balance or other personal or identifying information of an individual who purchases lottery tickets, games or shares online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means shall not be deemed public records of the commission for the purposes of section 10 of chapter 66; provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the commission from maintaining, using or sharing such information in the course of an investigation by law enforcement or in compliance with sections 28A or 28B.
- (d) The commission shall advise and make recommendations to the director regarding the operation and administration of the lottery. The commission shall report monthly to the governor, the attorney general and the general court, the total lottery revenues, prize disbursements and other expenses for the preceding month and shall make an annual independently audited financial report to the same which shall include a full and complete statement of lottery revenues, prize disbursements and other expenses, including such recommendations as it may deem necessary or advisable, which shall be made available electronically to the general public not later than the earliest date established for reports in section 12 of chapter 7A. The commission shall report immediately to the governor and the general court any matters which require immediate changes in the laws of the commonwealth in order to prevent abuses and evasions of the lottery law or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or to rectify undesirable conditions in connection with the administration or operation of the state lottery.

(e) The commission is authorized to carry on a continuous study and investigation of the lottery throughout the commonwealth in order to: (i) ascertain any defects in the state lottery law or in the rules and regulations issued thereunder whereby any abuse in the administration and operation of the lottery or any evasion of said law or said rules and regulations may arise or be practiced; (ii) formulate recommendations for changes in said law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder to prevent such abuses and evasions; and (iii) guard against the use of said law and rules and regulations issued thereunder as a cloak for the carrying on of organized gambling and crime.

- (f) The commission shall make a continuous study and investigation of: (i) the operation and administration of similar laws in other states or countries; (ii) any literature on the subject which from time to time may be published or available; (iii) any federal laws which may affect the operation of the lottery; and (iv) the reaction of citizens of the commonwealth to existing and potential features of the lottery with a view to recommending or effecting changes that will tend to better serve and implement the purposes of the state lottery law.
- (g)(i) There is hereby established within the commission a lottery advisory board. The lottery advisory board shall be comprised of the following members: the director of the lottery commission, or their designee; a representative from the New England Convenience Stores and Energy Marketers Association, Inc.; a representative from the Retailers Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; a representative operating as a licensed sales agent in a brick and mortar retail store in the commonwealth; a representative of the Massachusetts Restaurants Association, Inc.; a representative of an online lottery platform providing services in a nearby state; and a representative from the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health.

(ii) The lottery advisory board shall advise and assist the commission in the development and implementation of the lottery ecosystem comprised of traditional brick and mortar lotteries, lotteries conducted online, over the internet and through the use of mobile phone applications.

The board shall review all processing fees associated with point of sale transactions using debit cards and make recommendation on said processing fees and the implementation of use of debit cards.

- (iii) The lottery advisory board shall meet monthly to advise and assist the commission in lottery modernization and to review actions taken by the commission with respect to online lottery development and implementation and to make advisory recommendations, as necessary.

  Annually, at the first meeting of the advisory board, members of the advisory board shall elect a chair. A majority of members of the advisory board shall be present for actions to be taken.
- (h) The concurrence of the chairman and not less than 2 other members of the commission shall be required for all official actions of the commission. A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the commission, including any rules and regulations adopted by the commission or any amendments thereof, shall be forthwith transmitted, by and under the certification of the secretary thereof, to the governor.
- (i) The commission shall have the power to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, papers, books, records and other evidence before it in any matter over which it has jurisdiction, control or supervision. The commission shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations to persons whose testimony is required.
- SECTION 4B. Section 24A of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(a) For the purposes of this section, "group agreement" shall mean any lottery activity in which the commission participates pursuant to a written agreement between the commission, on behalf of the commonwealth, and any state, territory, country or other sovereignty. The commission is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with 1 or more states or other jurisdictions, hereinafter referred to as a group, for the purpose of creating and maintaining multi-jurisdictional lottery games, including multi-jurisdictional lottery games to be conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means; provided, that any such lottery game to be conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means has been properly authorized by each state or other jurisdiction that is part of the group; provided further, that a group agreement shall not include the state lottery games created pursuant to section 24; provided further, that nothing in this section and nothing in a group agreement shall authorize the commission to make expenditures that are not consistent with restrictions on expenditures by the commission provided for in any other general or special law. The group shall determine the types of lotteries to be conducted, the prices of tickets or shares, the manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares, the manner of payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares and the frequency of the drawings or selection of winning tickets or shares. The commission may establish, and from time to time revise, such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or desirable to carry out the group agreement and shall file the same with the office of the state secretary.

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SECTION 4C. Said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out section 25 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 25. (a) The apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets or shares and from all other sources at the point of sale shall be as follows: (i) the payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares which in any case shall be no less than 45 per cent of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets; (ii) the payment of costs incurred in the operation and administration of the lottery, including the expenses of the commission and the costs resulting from any contract or contracts entered into for promotional, advertising or operational services or for the purchase or lease of lottery equipment and materials, that in no case shall exceed 15 per cent of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets, subject to appropriation; and (iii) the balance shall be used to fund budgeted aid to cities and towns as provided in section 18C of chapter 58, subject to appropriation.

(b) The apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lotteries conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means as authorized by section 24 shall be as follows: (i) the payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares; (ii) the payment of costs incurred in the operation and administration of such lotteries, including the expenses of the commission and the costs resulting from any contract or contracts entered into for promotional, advertising or operational services or for the purchase or lease of lottery equipment and materials, that in no case shall exceed 15 per cent of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets, subject to appropriation; and (iii) the balance shall be used to fund an early education and care fund established in section 19 of chapter 15D.

SECTION 4D. Chapter 15D is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 19. (a) The department shall establish an early education and care fund to provide a funding stream to support early education and care in the commonwealth. Funds shall be used

to provide long-term stability and develop a sustainable system for high-quality and affordable care for families including, but not limited to, subsidy reimbursement rates, workforce compensation rate increases and support for state-wide early education and care initiatives.

Money in the fund shall be subject to appropriation and any unexpended balance at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

- (b) The fund shall consist of: (i) revenue pursuant to subsection (b) of section 25 of chapter 10; (ii) other money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations; and (iv) interest earned on such money.
- SECTION 4E. Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-
  - Section 70. (a) The terms defined in paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H shall apply to this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
  - (b) The secretary of the executive office of housing and economic development, in consultation with the commissioner of revenue, shall determine qualifications for qualified data centers, to qualify for a sales and use tax exemption pursuant to said paragraph (yy) of said section 6 of said chapter 64H.
  - (c) To apply for the sales and use tax exemption pursuant to paragraph (yy) of said section 6 of said chapter 64H, the owner or operator of a data center shall submit to the secretary of housing and economic development an application on a form prescribed by the commissioner of revenue that shall include:

(i) the name, address and telephone number of the owner or operator;

- (ii) the address of the site where the qualified data center is or will be located, including, but not limited to, information sufficient to identify the facility composing the data center, and the expected commercial operations date of each data center building that will be located at the data center facility;
- (iii) the anticipated aggregate square feet of the qualified data center for which the sales and use tax exemption is being sought; provided, that in determining whether the facility has the required square footage, the total square footage of the data center facility shall include the space that houses the computer information technology equipment, networking, data processing or data storage, including, but not limited to, servers and routers, and the following spaces that support the operation of enterprise information technology equipment including, but not limited to, office space, meeting space, loading dock space and mechanical and other support facilities.
- (iv) the anticipated investment associated with the qualified data center for which the sales and use tax exemption is being sought;
- (v) the anticipated number of jobs that the data center will create and maintain within 1 year, 5 years and 10 years of operations after certification; and
- (vi) an affirmation, signed by an authorized executive representing the owner or operator, that the data center is expected to satisfy the certification requirements in this section as a qualified data center.
- (d)(i) Within 60 days after receiving a completed application, the secretary of housing and economic development shall review the application submitted by the owner or operator of a

data center and certify the data center as a certified qualified data center if the data center meets all requirements of this section.

- (ii) The secretary shall issue a written certification that the data center qualifies for the sales and use tax exemption or provide written reasons for its denial and an opportunity for the applicant to cure any deficiencies.
- (iii) Failure to approve or deny the application within 60 days after the date the owner or operator submits the application to the secretary shall constitute approval of the qualified data center, and the secretary shall issue written certification to the owner or operator within 14 days.
  - (iv) The certification shall provide the following information related to each data center:
  - (A) the effective date of the certification;

- (B) the total square footage of the qualified data center;
- (C) the total amount of land costs, construction costs, refurbishment costs and eligible data center equipment; and
- (D) the beginning and ending date of the sales and use tax exemption for the first data center building, which shall begin on the effective date of the certification and be valid for qualification period, and for a qualified data center that is comprised of more than 1 data center building, the expected commercial operations dates and expected qualification periods for subsequent data center buildings expected to be located at the qualified data center.
  - (v) The secretary shall send a copy of the certification to the commissioner of revenue.

(e) The effective date of the certification shall be the date on which the application was submitted to the secretary or a prospective date stated in the application that does not exceed 5 years after the date on which the application was submitted; provided, that the certification shall be valid through the qualification period.

- (f) The secretary and commissioner shall review the certification after 10 years.
- (g)(i) For the purposes of this section, the term "material noncompliance" shall mean the failure of a qualified data center to substantially achieve the investment requirements and minimum number of jobs pursuant to paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H.
- (ii) The secretary may revoke the certification of a qualified data center after an investigation by the executive office of housing and economic development, in consultation with the department of revenue, and a written determination that the qualified data center is in material noncompliance with this section, paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H or the certification.
- (iii) Revocation shall take effect on the first day of the tax year in which the executive office of housing and economic development determines the qualified data center to be in material noncompliance. The commissioner of revenue shall, as of the effective date of the revocation, disallow any credits, exemptions or other tax benefits allowed by the original certification of tax benefits pursuant to paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H.
- (h) Each qualified data center shall file a report with the secretary and commissioner prior to the end of the tenth year of the qualification period detailing whether it has met the specific investment requirements pursuant to paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H.

(i) The secretary, in consultation with the commissioner of revenue, shall promulgate regulations and shall issue instructions or forms necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 4F. The first paragraph of section 13A of chapter 22 of the General Laws, as amended by section 29 of chapter 39 of the acts of 2021, is hereby further amended by striking out the second and third sentences and inserting in place thereof the following 3 sentences:- Two of the appointive members shall be architects licensed to practice in the commonwealth. One of the appointive members shall be a licensed building inspector. Three of the appointive members shall be selected after consultation with advocacy groups on behalf of persons with disabilities.

SECTION 4G. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following 4 paragraphs:-

The board shall make and from time to time alter, amend and repeal, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 30A, rules and regulations designed to make multiple dwellings and public buildings and facilities, including, but not limited to, areas that are not generally in public use, accessible to, functional for and safe for use by persons with disabilities. The board shall also make rules and regulations requiring that any person who has lawful control of improved or enclosed private property used as off-street parking areas where the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees, shall reserve parking spaces in said off-street parking areas for vehicles authorized to display handicapped plates or placards under section 2 of chapter 90; provided, that the parking requirements shall be consistent with the ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The parking spaces reserved for vehicles of such persons with a disability shall be clearly marked as such.

The rules and regulations of the board shall establish standards and procedures designed to make adaptable for persons with physical disabilities for any building, regardless of the date of construction: (i) all dwelling units in multiple dwellings equipped with an elevator; (ii) all ground floor dwelling units in multiple dwellings not equipped with an elevator; and (iii) all public use and common use portions of such multiple dwellings; provided, however, that in any building constructed before March 13, 1991, such standards and procedures for dwelling units shall apply only to such units within: (i) any non-residential building undergoing a gut rehabilitation as part of a change in use into a multiple dwelling facility; or (ii) any residential building which is vacant undergoing a gut rehabilitation.

The rules and regulations of the board shall establish standards and procedures designed to make accessible to, functional for and safe for use by persons with physical disabilities residential buildings whenever constructed and without the restrictions in the above paragraph. Unless otherwise specified, 5 per cent of the units in lodging or residential facilities for hire, rent or lease, containing 20 or more units, shall meet this requirement; provided, however, that accessible units shall allow 5 feet of turning radius for a wheelchair in the kitchens and bathrooms. In the event that the board determines that the need, in certain areas of the commonwealth, for such units either exceeds or does not require said 5 percent, the board may require that, in said areas a percentage of units less than 5 per cent or not greater than 10 per cent be accessible and safe for persons with disabilities; provided, however, that said accessible units shall allow 5 feet of turning radius for a wheelchair in the kitchens and bathrooms. The board may make such determination only if there is sufficient factual basis, using data from the central registry of the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, established in section 74 of chapter 6, and other sources, to establish with a reasonable degree of certainty the present and future needs

for said accessible units in certain areas of the commonwealth. A percentage of less than 5 per cent shall not be established unless such accessible units, which are not needed by persons with disabilities cannot be readily hired, rented or leased to other persons.

The rules and regulations of the board shall include, but not be limited to, detailed architectural standards further defining adaptable and accessible dwelling units and such other provisions necessary to provide rights and remedies substantially equivalent to or greater than the rights and remedies provided by the federal Fair Housing Act, the ADA Standards for Accessible Design and regulations thereunder as pertaining to such multiple dwellings.

SECTION 4H. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "buildings", in lines 67, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, the following words:- and facilities.

SECTION 4I. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "section", in line 75, as so appearing, the following words:- and facilities.

SECTION 4J. Said section 13A of said chapter is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 80 and 81, as so appearing, the words "handicapped persons," and inserting in place thereof the following words:- persons with a disability.

SECTION 4K. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 88 and 89, as so appearing, the word "newspaper" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- forms of.

SECTION 4L. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "building", in line 93, as so appearing, the following words:- or facility, including areas not generally in public use,.

SECTION 4M. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 is hereby further amended by striking out the words "building be changed to a", in line 94, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- building or facility be changed to a residential use or a.

SECTION 4N. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "building", in lines 95 and 96, as so appearing, in each instance, the following words:- or facility.

SECTION 4O. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 102 and 103, as so appearing, the words "physically handicapped persons" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- persons with a disability.

SECTION 4P. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as amended by section 29 of chapter 39 of the acts of 2021, is hereby further amended by striking out the eighth paragraph.

SECTION 4Q. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 131 and 132, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, the word "person" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- building or facility, or portion thereof,.

SECTION 4R. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "building", in line 150, as so appearing, the second time it appears, the following words:- or facility.

SECTION 4S. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "building", in line 166, as so appearing, the following word:-, facility.

SECTION 4T. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 177, 179 and 187, as so appearing, the words "physically handicapped persons" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- persons with a disability.

SECTION 4U. The fourteenth paragraph of said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Alteration", the following definition:-

"Areas that are not generally in public use", areas not intended for use by the public, as designated in the 1991 and 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, and employee work areas.

SECTION 4V. The fourteenth paragraph of said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Construction" the following 3 definitions:-

"Employee work area", all or any portion of a space used only by employees and used only for work, including, but not limited to, corridors, toilet rooms, kitchenettes and break rooms if said areas constitute the path of travel to or are essential to the use of employees for work; provided, that all employee work areas shall be made accessible in new construction or where renovation work being performed is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the board. Corridors, toilet rooms, kitchenettes and break rooms shall not otherwise be considered employee work areas; provided however, that where corridors, toilet rooms, kitchenettes and break rooms

constitute the path of travel to or are essential to the use of employees for work, they shall be, when possible, adaptable.

"Facility", all or any portion of a building, structure, site improvement, complex, equipment, road, walk, passageway, parking lot or other real or personal property, including the site where the building, property, structure or equipment is located.

"Gut rehabilitation", the general replacement of the interior of a building that may or may not include changes to structural elements such as flooring systems, columns or load bearing interior or exterior walls.

SECTION 4W. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 200, as so appearing, the words "Physically handicapped person" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Person with a disability.

SECTION 4X. Said section 13A of said chapter 22 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 204, as so appearing, the words "Physically handicapped persons" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- A person with a disability.

SECTION 4Y. Said section 13A of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the definition of "Public building", in lines 209 through 226, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

"Public building", (i) a building constructed by the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof with public funds and open to public use, including, but not limited to, a building constructed by a public housing authority, the Massachusetts Port Authority, the Massachusetts Parking Authority, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority or a building authority of any public educational institution, or their successors; or (ii) a privately financed building that is open to and used by the public, including, but not limited to, places of public accommodation listed in section 92A of chapter 272, and 42 U.S.C. section 12181(7).

SECTION 5. Section 16 of chapter 23D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words "director of the industrial services program" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- director of the Massachusetts center for employee ownership.

SECTION 6. Said chapter 23D is hereby further amended by striking out section 17 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 17. (a) There is hereby established a Massachusetts center for employee ownership within the Massachusetts office of business development established pursuant to section 1 of chapter 23A. The Massachusetts center for employee ownership shall provide education, conduct outreach and promote efforts to create an overall environment in the commonwealth to: (i) expand and enhance employee ownership, (ii) increase the number of employee-owned companies, (iii) publicize and promote the benefits of employee involvement and ownership to policy makers and the general public, (iv) encourage collaborative outreach efforts regarding involvement and ownership in the workplace, (v) research and evaluate employee involvement and employee ownership in the commonwealth, (vi) showcase employee ownership initiatives in the commonwealth, (vii) facilitate and coordinate the sharing of existing information and resources, and (viii) provide grants pursuant to this chapter.

(b)(1) The director of the Massachusetts center for employee ownership shall have the power to hire staff, appoint any specific committee or task force and contract with consultants, agents or advisors deemed necessary to further the purposes of this section.

- (2) The director may accept gifts or grants of money or property from any source to further the work of the center; provided, however, that any money received shall be deposited with the state treasurer to be kept in a separate fund in the treasury to be named the Massachusetts Center for Employee Ownership Fund dedicated to the center and for expenditure without appropriation by the director of the center in accordance with the conditions of such a gift or grant. Amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.
- (3) The director shall issue rules, regulations and procedures governing the application for and delivery of services which are deemed necessary for the proper performance of the duties of the center.
- (4) Annually, the director shall file a report with the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, including an inventory of employee-owned businesses in the state and the specific activities taken by the center to support and promote the transition of traditionally structured companies to an employee ownership model.
- (5) The director shall be a full-time employee of the Massachusetts office of business development and shall report directly to the director of the Massachusetts office of business development.

2102	SECTION 7. Subsection (b) of section 29A of chapter 23G of the General Laws, as
2103	appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of
2104	"Economically distressed area".
2105	SECTION 8. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further
2106	amended by striking out, in line 29, the words "located within an economically distressed area".
2107	SECTION 9. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further
2108	amended by inserting, in line 34, after the word "made" the following words:-, or will make,.
2109	SECTION 10. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further
2110	amended by striking out, in lines 44 and 45, the words "economically distressed areas of".
2111	SECTION 11. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further
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2113	defined in section 2 of chapter 21E".
2114	SECTION 12. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further
2115	amended by striking out, in line 66, the figure "\$500,000" and inserting in place thereof the
2116	following figure:- \$750,000.
2117	SECTION 13. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further
2118	amended by striking out, in line 69, the figure "\$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the
2119	following figure:- \$250,000.
2120	SECTION 14. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further
2121	amended by inserting, in line 78, after the word "applied;" the following words:- provided, that

2122 the required contribution may be in the form of in-kind services or other non-cash contribution as 2123 the agency may determine in its reasonable discretion;. 2124 SECTION 15. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further 2125 amended by striking out, in line 84, the word "and". 2126 SECTION 16. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further 2127 amended by striking out, in lines 87 and 88, the words "corporation or an economic development 2128 authority." and inserting in place thereof the following words:- corporation, economic 2129 development authority or a non-profit entity in connection with a project that has a demonstrable 2130 public benefit; provided, that the agency shall establish guidelines for non-profit eligibility; and. 2131 SECTION 17. Subsection (d) of said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is 2132 hereby further amended by adding the following clause:-2133 (12) preference shall be given to projects located within 1 mile of an environmental 2134 justice population as defined in section 62 of chapter 30. 2135 SECTION 18. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further 2136 amended by striking out, in lines 97 and 98, the words "economically distressed". 2137 SECTION 19. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further 2138 amended by striking out, in lines 128 and 129 and in lines 129 and 130, the words "economically 2139 distressed area" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:municipality. 2140

amended by striking out, in lines 189 and 190, the words "director of economic development or

SECTION 20. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further

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his" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and economic development or the secretary's.

SECTION 21. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 208 to 210, inclusive, the words "in economically distressed areas that are considered by the ombudsman and the department of economic development" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- that are considered by the ombudsman and the secretary of housing and economic development.

SECTION 22. Section 1 of chapter 23M of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Commercial energy improvements" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

"Commercial energy improvements", (1) any renovation or retrofit of a qualifying commercial or industrial property to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; (2) any new construction of a qualifying commercial or industrial property that does not utilize onsite fossil fuel as its primary heating source and that reduces greenhouse gas emissions compared to a baseline established by the department; or (3) any installation of renewable energy systems to serve qualifying commercial or industrial property. Such renovation, retrofit or installation shall be permanently fixed to such qualifying commercial or industrial property.

SECTION 23. Clause (13) of section 6 of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as inserted by section 31 of chapter 8 of the acts of 2021, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "improvements", the third time it appears, the following words:-, exceed required energy code requirements at the time of project permitting or the project meets another nationally-recognized

building standard for energy performance as deemed appropriate by the department of energy resources in coordination with the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency.

SECTION 23A. Section 1 of chapter 25C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 13 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "policy" the following words:- with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, established pursuant to section 6B of chapter 40J.

SECTION 23B. Said chapter 25C is hereby further amended by striking out section 9, as inserted by section 15 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 9. Consistent with the policies of the federal communications commission, the department shall have authority to request and obtain information and data from providers of advanced telecommunications capability as necessary to identify areas that lack adequate advanced telecommunications capability. Such information and data shall be used to inform work undertaken by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, established pursuant to section 6B of chapter 40J, to facilitate access to and adoption of advanced telecommunications capability in the commonwealth.

SECTION 24. Section 10 of chapter 40G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Any documentary materials or data whatsoever made or received by any member or employee of the corporation, and consisting of, or to the extent that such material or data consist of, trade secrets, or commercial or financial information regarding the operation of any business conducted by an applicant for, or recipient of, any form of

assistance which the corporation is empowered to render, or regarding the competitive position of such applicant in a particular field of endeavor, shall not be deemed public records of the corporation and shall not be subject to section 10 of chapter 66.

SECTION 25. Chapter 40J of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6I the following 2 sections:-

Section 6J. (a) There shall be established within the corporation a Massachusetts cybersecurity center. The purpose of the center shall be to enhance the conditions for economic growth through outreach to the cybersecurity industry cluster in the commonwealth and to foster cybersecurity resiliency through communication, collaboration and outreach with state agencies, municipalities, educational institutions and private partners.

- (b) The center shall carry out the purposes of the fund established in section 4H.
- (c) The center shall be responsible for convening state and local officials and private sector participants to recommend actions needed to address the cybersecurity resiliency of the commonwealth. The center may also convene regional hubs for business development to support cybersecurity entrepreneurs that are establishing innovative technologies to support resiliency.
- (d) The center shall work in collaboration with private sector entities, educational institutions and state and local government to address cybersecurity issues, including, but not limited to: (i) improving the cybersecurity of organizations across the commonwealth, in particular municipalities, small businesses and non-profits, without access to affordable resources to defend against cybersecurity threats and to maintain cyber resiliency; (ii) the shortage of trained workers available to meet the cybersecurity industry's workforce demands,

with a particular focus on increasing the diversity of the cybersecurity workforce; and (iii) the lack of affordable cybersecurity training for employees in all types of businesses.

Section 6K. (a) There shall be established within the corporation a center for advanced manufacturing. The purpose of the center shall be to support companies engaged in manufacturing in Massachusetts and shall be administered in a manner that considers the needs of manufacturers in all regions of the commonwealth and supports growth in the manufacturing sector statewide. The corporation shall design and implement the activities of the center, in consultation with the secretary of housing and economic development and the Massachusetts advanced manufacturing collaborative established pursuant to section 10B of chapter 23A.

(b) The center shall facilitate the growth and competitiveness of the advanced manufacturing sector in the commonwealth by: (i) aligning investments and programs with the commonwealth's priorities for advanced manufacturing; (ii) leveraging existing state and federal programs that support manufacturers to increase the regional impact of advanced manufacturing; (iii) fostering collaboration throughout the manufacturing ecosystem; (iv) aligning programs and investments in support of federal programs to scale critical and secure supply chains; (v) supporting, coordinating and developing advanced manufacturing workforce training programs; and (vi) creating initiatives that advance the commonwealth's manufacturing plan established pursuant to section 10B of chapter 23A.

SECTION 26. Section 2 of chapter 40R of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Approved starter home zoning district".

2228 SECTION 27. Said section 2 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further 2229 amended by striking out, in line 38, the words "or starter home zoning". 2230 SECTION 28. Said section 2 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further 2231 amended by striking out, in line 56, the words "or starter home zoning districts". 2232 SECTION 29. Said section 2 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further 2233 amended by striking out, in lines 78 and 79, the words "or starter home zoning". 2234 SECTION 30. Said section 2 of said chapter, as so appearing, is hereby further amended 2235 by striking out, in line 91, the words "under the underlying zoning" and inserting in place thereof 2236 the following words:- without the smart growth zoning district. 2237 SECTION 31. Said section 2 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further 2238 amended by striking out the definitions of "Production bonus payment" to "Starter home zoning 2239 district certificate of compliance", inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following 3 2240 definitions:-2241 "Project", a proposed residential or mixed-use development within a smart growth zoning 2242 district. 2243 "Smart growth zoning district", a zoning district adopted by a city or town under this 2244 chapter that replaces or is superimposed over 1 or more zoning districts in an eligible location, 2245 within which a developer may elect to either develop a project in accordance with requirements 2246 of the smart growth zoning district ordinance or by-law, or, where superimposed over 1 or more 2247 zoning districts, develop a project in accordance with requirements of the underlying zoning

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2249	"Smart growth zoning district certificate of compliance", a written certification by the
2250	department in accordance with section 7.
2251	SECTION 32. Section 3 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2252	striking out, in lines 2, 8, and in lines 19 and 20, each time they appear, the following words:- o
2253	starter home zoning district.
2254	SECTION 33. Said section 3 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further
2255	amended by striking out, in line 16, the words "or starter home zoning districts".
2256	SECTION 34. Section 4 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2257	striking out, in line 3, the words "or starter home".
2258	SECTION 35. Said section 4 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2259	striking out, in line 15, the words "or starter home zoning district".
2260	SECTION 36. Section 5 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2261	striking out, in lines 2, 7, 9, and in lines 18 and 19, each time they appear, the following words:
2262	or starter home zoning district.
2263	SECTION 37. Said section 5 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2264	striking out, in line 10, the words "as to smart growth zoning districts only,".
2265	SECTION 38. Section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2266	striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words "or starter home zoning district".
2267	SECTION 39. Clause (3) of subsection (a) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so
2268	appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence.

2269	SECTION 40. Said subsection (a) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing,
2270	is hereby further amended by striking out clause (5).
2271	SECTION 41. Said subsection (a) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing,
2272	is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 40, the figure "(6)" and inserting in place
2273	thereof the following figure:- (5).
2274	SECTION 42. Said subsection (a) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing,
2275	is hereby further amended by striking out clause (7) and inserting in place thereof the following
2276	clause:-
2277	(6) A proposed smart growth zoning district shall not be subject to limitation of the
2278	issuance of building permits for residential uses or a local moratorium on the issuance of such
2279	permits.
2280	SECTION 43. Said subsection (a) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing,
2281	is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 56 and 57, the words "(8) A proposed smart
2282	growth zoning district or starter home zoning district" and inserting in place thereof the
2283	following words:- (7) A proposed smart growth zoning district.
2284	SECTION 44. Said subsection (a) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing,
2285	is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 70 and 71, the words "(9) Housing in a smart
2286	growth zoning district or starter home zoning district" and inserting in place thereof the
2287	following words:- (8) Housing in a smart growth zoning district.
2288	SECTION 45. Said subsection (a) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing,

is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 73 and 74, the words "(10) A proposed smart

growth zoning district or starter home zoning district" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- (9) A proposed smart growth zoning district.

SECTION 46. Said subsection (a) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 78 and 79, the words "(11) The aggregate land area of all approved smart growth zoning districts and starter home zoning district" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- (10) The aggregate land area of all approved smart growth zoning districts.

SECTION 47. Said subsection (a) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 84, the figure "(12)" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- (11).

SECTION 48. Said subsection (a) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 88 and 89, the words "(13) A proposed smart growth zoning district or starter home zoning district" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- (12) A proposed smart growth zoning district.

SECTION 49. Subsection (b) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- A smart growth zoning district ordinance or by-law may modify or eliminate the city or town's dimensional standards in order to support desired densities, mix of uses and physical character.

SECTION 50. Said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 101 and 102, 103, 105 and 106, 110 and 111, 116 and 117, 122,

2311 125 and 126, 131, 149 and 150, and in lines 165 and 166, each time they appear, the following 2312 words:- or starter home zoning district. 2313 SECTION 51. Said subsection (c) of said section 6 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, 2314 is hereby further amended by striking out the second sentence. 2315 SECTION 52. Section 7 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by 2316 striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "or starter home zoning district certificate of compliance, 2317 as applicable,". 2318 SECTION 53. Said section 7 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further 2319 amended by striking out, in line 9, the words "or a starter home zoning district, as applicable". 2320 SECTION 54. Clause (4) of said subsection (a) of said section 7 of said chapter 40R, as 2321 so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 16 and 17, the words "or starter home 2322 zoning district ordinance or by-law, as applicable,". 2323 SECTION 55. Said section 7 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by 2324 striking out, in lines 29 and 30, the words "or starter home zoning district ordinance or by-law, as 2325 applicable,". 2326 SECTION 56. Section 8 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by 2327 striking out, in lines 7 and 11, each time they appear, the following words:- or starter home 2328 zoning district. 2329 SECTION 57. Section 9 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by

striking out, in lines 2, 16 and 17 and in line 20, each time they appear, the following words:- or

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2332	SECTION 58. Said section 9 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further
2333	amended by striking out, in lines 24 to 26, inclusive, the words "and a one-time production
2334	bonus payment to each city or town with an approved starter home zoning district".
2335	SECTION 59. Said section 9 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further
2336	amended by striking out, in lines 27 to 29, inclusive, the words "and \$3,000 for each housing
2337	unit of new construction created in the starter home zoning district".
2338	SECTION 60. Said section 9 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further
2339	amended by striking out, in line 38, the words "or starter home zoning districts".
2340	SECTION 61. Section 10 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2341	striking out, in line 5 and in lines 21 and 22, in each instance, the following words:- or starter
2342	home zoning district.
2343	SECTION 62. Said section 10 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further
2344	amended by striking out, in line 12, the words "In a smart growth zoning district, the" and
2345	inserting in place thereof the following word:- The.
2346	SECTION 63. Section 11 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2347	striking out, in lines 2, 12, 18, 71, 76 and in lines 130 and 131, each time they appear, the
2348	following words:- or starter home zoning district.
2349	SECTION 64. Section 12 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2350	striking out, in line 3, the words "and starter home zoning district programs" and inserting in

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place thereof the following word:- program.

2352	SECTION 65. Said section 12 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further
2353	amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the words "or starter home zoning districts".
2354	SECTION 66. Said section 12 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further
2355	amended by striking out, in lines 14 and 15, the words "and starter home zoning districts".
2356	SECTION 67. Said section 12 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further
2357	amended by striking out, in line 16 and in lines 23 and 24, each time they appear, the following
2358	words:- and one-time production bonus payments.
2359	SECTION 68. Section 14 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2360	striking out, in lines 2 and 3, 5 and 6, 8, 15 and 16, and in line 24, each time they appear, the
2361	following words:- or starter home zoning district.
2362	SECTION 69. Said section 14 of said chapter 40R, as so appearing, is hereby further
2363	amended by striking out, in lines 21 and 22, the words "or starter home zoning".
2364	SECTION 70. Section 5 of chapter 40V of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
2365	amended by inserting after the word "department", in lines 19 and 20, the following words:-;
2366	provided, however, that any such dollar amount limit set by the department shall not be less than
2367	\$3,000,000.
2368	SECTION 71. The General Laws are hereby further amended by inserting after chapter
2369	40X the following chapter:-
2370	CHAPTER 40Y.
2371	STARTER HOME ZONING DISTRICTS

Section 1. As used in this chapter, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Department", the department of housing and community development.

"Developable land area", that area within an approved starter home zoning district that can be feasibly developed into residential or mixed-use developments determined in accordance with regulations of the department. Developable land shall not include: (i) land area that is already substantially developed, including existing parks and dedicated, perpetual open space within such substantially developed land area; (ii) open space designated by the city or town as provided in section 4; or (iii) areas exceeding one-half acre of contiguous land that are unsuitable for development because of topographic features or for environmental reasons, such as wetlands. Developable land area may include the land area occupied by or associated with underutilized residential, commercial, industrial or institutional buildings or uses that have the potential to be recycled or converted into residential or mixed-use developments as determined in accordance with regulations of the department.

"Historic district", a local historic district established under chapter 40C.

"Open space", shall include, but not be limited to, land to protect existing and future well fields, aquifers, and recharge areas, watershed land, agricultural land, grasslands, fields, forest land, fresh and saltwater marshes and other wetlands, ocean, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, beaches, dunes, and other coastal lands, lands to protect scenic vistas, land for wildlife or nature preserve and land for recreational use.

"Plan approval authority", a board or other unit of municipal government designated by the city or town to conduct site plan review of proposed starter home projects. "Production bonus payment", a 1-time payment to a municipality from the trust fund for each starter home created in a starter home zoning district.

"Starter home", a single-family home not exceeding 1,850 square feet in heated living area.

"Starter home zoning district", a base or overlay zoning district adopted in a municipal zoning ordinance or by-law that complies with the requirements of section 3.

"Sustainable development standards", provisions in the zoning, including, but not limited to, requirements that new development projects: (i) minimize site disturbance and permanently preserve undeveloped open space to the greatest extent practicable; and (ii) collect and manage storm water runoff in accordance with low impact development practices.

"Trust Fund", the Smart Growth Housing Trust Fund, established by section 35AA of chapter 10.

"Zoning incentive payment", a 1-time payment to a municipality from the trust fund payable upon the municipality's adoption, and the department's approval, of an approved starter home zoning district.

Section 2. (a) In its zoning ordinance or by-law, a city or town may adopt a starter home zoning district in any area deemed suitable by the city or town. A starter home zoning district ordinance or by-law, or any amendment to or repeal of such ordinance or by-law, shall be adopted in accordance with section 5 of chapter 40A; provided, that the ordinance or by-law, or any amendment to or repeal of such ordinance or by-law, shall be enacted by a simple majority vote of all the members of the town council, or of the city council where there is a commission

form of government or a single branch, or of each branch where there are 2 branches, or by a simple majority vote of a town meeting.

- (b) Prior to the adoption of a proposed starter home zoning district, a city or town shall request a preliminary determination by the department as to whether the proposed starter home zoning district will comply with the requirements of this chapter. A request for a preliminary determination of eligibility shall be submitted by the chief executive of a city or town on a form prescribed by the department, and shall include: the boundaries of the proposed starter home zoning district; a map and description of the developable land area within the proposed starter home zoning district; a copy of the proposed starter home zoning district ordinance or by-law; narrative and exhibits as needed to establish the elements set forth in section 3; and any additional information the department may require in order to make a preliminary determination of eligibility. The department shall respond to such a request within 45 days of receipt of all information required to make such a preliminary determination of compliance.
- (c) After the adoption of a proposed starter home zoning district, the city or town shall request from the department a final approval of the starter home zoning district. The department shall issue a final approval upon finding that the starter home zoning district as adopted complies in all respects with the requirements of this chapter, subject to any conditions imposed by the department as a condition of its approval. The department's final approval shall be required prior to the disbursement of a zoning incentive payment as set forth in section 6.
- (d) The city or town shall provide written notice to the department not less than 45 days before a vote taken to adopt any amendment to the zoning ordinance or by-law as it applies to an approved starter home zoning district. Such notice shall state the number of starter homes that

have been built within the district since its adoption and shall include an evaluation the number of projected starter homes, if any, that will remain developable within the starter home district after the adoption of the proposed amendment.

Section 3. A starter home zoning district shall comply with the following minimum requirements:

- (1) Starter homes shall be a use permitted as of right at a density of not fewer than 4 units per acre of developable land area. No other single-family residential uses shall be permitted as of right or by special permit in the starter home zoning district, except the zoning may permit construction of an accessory dwelling unit of 600 square feet or less on the same lot as a starter home. Accessory commercial and other non-residential uses may be allowed in a starter home district with the approval of the department.
- (2) Each starter home zoning district shall incorporate sustainable development standards that apply to all starter home developments.
- (3) At least 50 per cent of the starter homes to be developed in a proposed starter home zoning district, excluding accessory dwelling units, shall contain not fewer than 3 bedrooms.
- (4) The zoning ordinance or by-law for each proposed starter home zoning district shall provide that, for any proposed development of more than 12 starter homes, not less than 10 per cent of said starter homes shall be affordable to and occupied by individuals and families whose annual income is less than 110 per cent of the area median income as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The zoning shall specify the mechanism by which the city or town will ensure a project complies with such affordability requirements,

when applicable, and may require the execution and recording of an affordable housing restriction, as defined in section 31 of chapter 184.

- (5) A proposed starter home zoning district shall not be subject to limitation of the issuance of building permits for residential uses or a local moratorium on the issuance of such permits. In addition, a proposed starter home zoning district shall not be subject to any municipal environmental or health ordinances, bylaws or regulations that exceed applicable requirements of state law or regulation and would render infeasible the development contemplated under the application for such district, as determined by the department.
- (6) A starter home zoning district shall not impose restrictions on age or any other occupancy restrictions on the district as a whole or any portion thereof or project therein.
- (7) Housing in a starter home zoning district shall comply with federal, state and local fair housing laws.
- (8) The total land area of all starter home zoning districts in a city or town shall not exceed 15 per cent of the total land area in the city or town. Upon request, the department may approve a larger land area if such approval serves the goals and objectives of this chapter.
- Section 4. (a) The zoning applicable to a starter home zoning district may require that individual projects design site plans in a manner that preserves developable land area as open space; provided, that the zoning allows for 4 starter homes per acre, including the developable land area preserved as open space. The zoning may provide for such open space to be preserved through a conservation restriction as defined in section 31 of chapter 184, by the grant of an easement or restriction to the municipal conservation commission or by such other means as is permitted by state law.

(b) A local historic district may overlap with a starter home zoning district in whole or in part; provided, that the local historic district does not render the city or town noncompliant with this chapter, as determined by the department.

- (c) The zoning applicable to a starter home zoning district may include reasonable design standards applicable to individual starter home projects, to ensure that the physical character of development within the starter home zoning district is complementary to adjacent buildings and structures. Such standards may address the scale and proportions of buildings, the alignment, the width and grade of streets and sidewalks, the type and location of infrastructure, the location of building and garage entrances, off-street parking, the protection of significant natural site features, the location and design of on-site open spaces, exterior signs and buffering in relation to adjacent properties. A design standard shall not be adopted if it will add unreasonable costs to starter home developments or unreasonably impair the economic feasibility of proposed starter home projects.
- (d) The starter home zoning district zoning ordinance or by-law may provide for site plan review of proposed starter home projects; provided, that such review is consistent with and subject to the following limitations:
- (1) The ordinance or by-law may require the applicant to pay for reasonable consulting fees to provide peer review of the applications for the benefit of the plan approval authority; provided, that fees shall be held by the municipality in a separate account and used only for expenses associated with the review of the development application by outside consultants and any surplus remaining after the completion of such review, including any interest accrued, shall be returned to the applicant.

(2) The starter home zoning district ordinance or by-law may provide for the referral of the plan to municipal officers, agencies or boards other than the plan approval authority for comment; provided, that any such board, agency or officer shall provide any comments to the plan approval authority within 60 days of its receipt of a copy of the plan.

- (3) Notwithstanding any provision in the zoning code or by-law to the contrary, the decision of the plan approval authority shall be made, and a written notice of the decision filed with the city or town clerk, not later than 120 days after the receipt of a complete application by the city or town clerk, unless such timeframe for decision is extended by written agreement between the applicant and the plan approval authority. Failure of the plan approval authority to take action within said 120 days or extended time, if applicable, shall be deemed to be an approval of the plan. An applicant who seeks approval of a plan by reason of the failure of the plan approval authority to act within said 120 days shall notify the city or town clerk, in writing, within 14 days after the expiration of said 120 days or extended time, if applicable. Such notice to the city or town clerk shall specify relevant details of the application timeline demonstrating the lack of decision.
- (4) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the starter home zoning district ordinance or by-law, the plan approval authority may approve a site plan subject only to those conditions that are necessary to: (i) ensure substantial compliance of the proposed project with the requirements of the starter home zoning district ordinance or by-law; (ii) ensure public safety or the safety of persons living in or visiting the proposed project; or (iii) mitigate any extraordinary adverse impacts of the project on nearby properties.

2523 (5) The department may establish additional standards or limitations for site plan review pursuant to this section.

- Section 5. Not less frequently than once per year, on or before a date specified by the department, each city or town with 1 or more approved starter home zoning districts shall submit to the department the following information:
- (1) Whether the city or town has repealed or amended, or proposed to amend or repeal, any of the requirements applicable to the starter home zoning district or districts;
- (2) Whether there are any pending proposals to construct starter homes within the starter home district or districts; and
- (3) Whether any starter homes have been constructed within the starter home district or districts, and if so, whether those projects comply with the zoning requirements applicable to the district or districts.
- Section 6. Subject to any conditions imposed by the department as a condition of approving a starter home zoning district, each city or town with an approved starter home zoning district shall be entitled to a 1-time zoning incentive payment upon approval of the district by the department in accordance with the schedule set forth in subsection (a) of section 9 of chapter 40R and a production bonus payment in the amount of \$3,000 for each starter home created in the starter home zoning district.
- Section 7. (a) The department may revoke its approval of an approved starter home zoning district if, at any time, the department determines that:

2543 (1) A city or town with an approved starter home zoning district has not complied with 2544 the requirements of this chapter;

- (2) The zoning applicable to an approved starter home zoning district no longer complies with the requirements of this chapter;
- (3) The zoning applicable to an approved starter home zoning district has been amended in such a way that reduces the number of starter homes that can be developed within the starter home zoning district; or
- (4) No building permits have been issued for any starter homes within the starter home zoning district within 5 years from the date of the department's approval of the district.

The department may revoke the approval of an approved starter home zoning district only after conducting a hearing in accordance with chapter 30A, unless the municipality in writing waives its right to such a hearing. The department's revocation of approval shall not affect the validity of the starter home zoning district ordinance or by-law, as applicable, or the application of such ordinance or by-law to land, development or proposed development within the starter home zoning district.

- (b) If the department revokes its approval of an approved starter home zoning district, the affected city or town shall repay to the department the zoning incentive payment, or such portion thereof as the department may specify. All monies repaid to the department under this section shall be credited to the funding source from which the payment originated.
- Section 8. The department may promulgate regulations for the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

SECTION 72. Section 53 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out clauses (2) and (3) and inserting in place thereof the following 4 clauses:-

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(2) sums not in excess of \$150,000 recovered under the terms of a fire or physical damage insurance policy or received in restitution for damage done to such city, town or district property may, with the approval of the chief executive officer, be used by the officer or department having control of the city, town or district property for the restoration or replacement of such property without specific appropriation during the fiscal year in which they are received or 120 days after receipt, whichever is later, (3) sums recovered from pupils in the public schools for loss of or damage to school books, materials, electronic devices or other learning aids provided by the school committee, or paid by pupils for materials used in the industrial arts projects, may be used by the school committee for the restoration or replacement of such books or materials without specific appropriation, (4) non-recurring, unanticipated sums received by multiple cities, towns or districts and not otherwise provided for by a general or special law, may, upon the approval of the director of accounts, be expended at the direction of the chief executive officer without further appropriation only for the singular purpose for which the money was received, and (5) non-recurring, unanticipated sums received by multiple cities, towns or districts and not otherwise provided for by a general or special law, may, upon the approval of the director of accounts, be deposited in a separate revenue account established in the city, town or district treasury and expended, with appropriation, only for the purposes for which the money was received.

SECTION 72A. The first paragraph of section 38A of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence an inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

For the taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and not later than June 15 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall determine and certify to the owner of a pipeline used for transmitting for a distance of 25 miles or more natural gas or petroleum or the products or byproducts of either and to the board of assessors of every city or town where such pipeline is subject to taxation, the valuation, as of January 1 in such year, of such pipeline in said city or town; provided, however, that aboveground equipment, facilities, structures, improvements and other components associated therewith and located at a specific situs shall be certified to the associated city or town pursuant to this section.

SECTION 72B. Said section 38A of said chapter 59, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

For the taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and not later than June 15 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall determine and certify to the owner of such pipeline and to the board of assessors of every city or town where such pipeline is subject to taxation, the valuation, as of January 1 in such year, of aboveground and belowground facilities, equipment, structures, improvements and other components associated therewith; provided, that the pipeline itself shall be included with the belowground facilities, whether above or below ground, and located at a specific situs in said city or town. The valuation of each such pipeline system component shall be certified to the city or town within which it is located. The valuation of pipeline system components that constitute aboveground equipment, facilities, structures,

improvements and other components associated therewith and located at a specific situs shall be certified to the associated city or town. For pipeline system components, such as line-pipe and mains, that are continuous in nature, the commissioner shall allocate the valuation to the associated cities and towns through which the pipeline system traverses based on pipe size and mileage in each city or town, if the valuation associated with the specific cities and towns is not ascertainable.

SECTION 73. Section 3 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 109, the figure "\$3,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$4,000.

SECTION 74. Section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 245 and 250, as so appearing, the figure "30", each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 40.

SECTION 75. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 290, as so appearing, the figure "2023" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2028.

SECTION 76. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 296, as so appearing, the figure "2024" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2029.

SECTION 77. Paragraph (4) of said subsection (j) of said section 6 of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- For the purpose of the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, state financial assistance shall mean the amount of any grant or principal amount of any loan, but shall not include any loan principal repaid as of the date the credit application is filed with the commissioner.

SECTION 78. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2630 447, as so appearing, the figure "\$750", and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-\$1,755.

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SECTION 79. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 896 to 898, inclusive, as so appearing, the words "The total amount of credits that may be authorized by DHCD in a calendar year pursuant to this subsection and section 38BB of chapter 63 shall not exceed \$10,000,000 and" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- DHCD may authorize up to \$57,000,000 in credits during taxable year 2023 and up to \$30,000,000 in credits annually thereafter under this subsection and section 38BB of chapter 63. In addition, DHCD may authorize annually: (i) any portion of the annual cap on credits not authorized by DHCD in the preceding calendar years under this subsection or said section 38BB of said chapter 63; and (ii) any credits under this subsection or said section 38BB of said chapter 63 returned to DHCD by a certified housing development project. The total amount of credits authorized during a year.

SECTION 80. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby further amended by inserting after the figure "63;", in line 900, as so appearing, the following word:- and.

SECTION 81. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 903 to 905, inclusive, as so appearing, the words "Any portion of the \$10,000,000 annual cap not awarded by the DHCD in a calendar year shall not be applied to awards in a subsequent year.".

SECTION 82. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 906, as so appearing, the word "The" the first time it appears.

SECTION 83. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 is hereby further amended by inserting after the figures "31-33", in line 1158, as so appearing, the following words:- or other expansion industries new to apprenticeship that the secretary of labor and workforce development identifies as critical to a regional labor market economy.

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SECTION 84. Said section 6 of said chapter 62, as most recently amended by section 31 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021, is hereby further amended by striking out subsections (x) and (y) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(x) A taxpayer who maintains a household that includes as a member: (i) at least 1 individual under the age of 13 who qualifies for exemption as a dependent under section 151 of the Code; (ii) at least 1 qualifying individual, as defined in said section 21 of the Code; or (iii) at least 1 individual who is: (A) not less than 65 years of age or who is disabled; and (B) who qualifies as a dependent under section 152 of the Code, shall be allowed a credit in an amount equal to \$310 for each such dependent or qualifying individual with respect to the taxpayer; provided, however, that if the taxpayer is married at the close of the taxable year, the credit provided in this subsection shall be allowed if the taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse file a joint return for the taxable year or if the taxpayer qualifies as a head of household under section 2(b) of the Code; and provided further, that for the purposes of this subsection, "maintains a household" shall have the same meaning as in said section 21 of the Code. With respect to a taxpayer who is a non-resident for part of the taxable year, the credit shall be further limited to the amount of allowable credit multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of days in the taxable year the person resided in the commonwealth and the denominator of which shall be the number of days in the taxable year. A person who is a non-resident for the entire taxable year shall not be allowed the credit. If the amount of the credit allowed under this

2674 subsection exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability, the commissioner shall treat the excess as an 2675 overpayment and shall pay the taxpayer the entire amount of the excess without interest. 2676 SECTION 85. Said section 6 of said chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so amended, is 2677 hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-2678 (aa)(1) As used in this subsection, the following words shall, unless the context clearly 2679 requires otherwise, have the following meanings: 2680 "Advertising and public relations expenditure", a cost incurred within the commonwealth 2681 by an eligible theater production for goods or services related to the marketing, public relations, 2682 creation and placement of print, electronic, television, billboards or other forms of advertising to 2683 promote the eligible theater production. 2684 "Eligible theater production", a live stage musical, dance or theatrical production or tour 2685 being presented in a qualified production facility that is either: (a) a pre-Broadway production; 2686 (b) a pre-off Broadway production; or (c) a national tour launch. 2687 "Eligible theater production certificate", a final certificate issued by the office, in 2688 consultation with the commissioner, certifying that a production is an eligible theater production 2689 that meets the rules or regulations of the office. 2690 "National tour launch", a live stage production that, in its original or adaptive version, is 2691 performed in a qualified production facility and opens its national tour in the commonwealth. 2692 "Office", the office of travel and tourism established in section 13E of chapter 23A. 2693 "Payroll", all salaries, wages, fees and other compensation, including, but not limited to,

taxes, benefits and any other consideration incurred or paid to talent and non-talent employees of

the applicant for services rendered within the commonwealth to and on behalf of an eligible theater production; provided, that the payroll expenditure shall be incurred or paid by the applicant for services related to any portion of an eligible theater production from its preproduction stages, including, but not limited to: (a) the writing of the script, (b) casting, (c) hiring of service providers, (d) purchases from vendors, (e) marketing, (f) advertising, (g) public relations, (h) load in, (i) rehearsals, (j) performances, (k) other eligible theater production related activities, and (l) load out; and provided further, that the payroll expenditure shall be directly attributable to the eligible theater production and shall be limited to the first \$100,000 of wages incurred or paid to each employee of an eligible theater production in each tax year.

"Pre-Broadway production", a live stage production that, in its original or adaptive version, is performed in a qualified production facility having a presentation scheduled for New York City's Broadway theater district within 24 months after its presentation in the commonwealth.

"Pre-off Broadway production", a live stage production that, in its original or adaptive version, is performed in a qualified production facility having a presentation scheduled for New York City's off-Broadway theater district within 24 months after its presentation in the commonwealth.

"Production and performance expenditures", a contemporaneous exchange of cash or cash equivalent for goods or services related to development, production, performance or operating expenditures incurred in the commonwealth for a qualified theater production, including, but not limited to, expenditures for design, construction and operation, including sets, special and visual effects, costumes, wardrobes, make-up, accessories, costs associated with

sound, lighting, staging, advertising and public relations expenditures, facility expenses, rentals, per diems, accommodations and other related costs.

"Qualified production facility", a facility located in the commonwealth in which live theater productions are, or are intended to be, exclusively presented that contains at least 1 stage, a seating capacity of not less than 175 seats, dressing rooms, storage areas and other ancillary amenities necessary for the eligible theater production.

"Transportation expenditures", expenditures for the packaging, crating and transportation both to the commonwealth for use in a qualified theater production of sets, costumes or other tangible property constructed or manufactured out of state, or from the commonwealth after use in a qualified theater production of sets, costumes or other tangible property constructed or manufactured in the commonwealth and the transportation of the cast and crew to and from the commonwealth; provided, that "transportation expenditures" shall include the packaging, crating and transporting of property and equipment used for special and visual effects, sound, lighting and staging, costumes, wardrobes, make-up and related accessories and materials and any other performance or production-related property and equipment.

(2) Any taxpayer that receives an eligible theater production certificate shall be allowed a tax credit against taxes imposed by this chapter. The credit shall be equal to 35 per cent of the total in-state payroll costs and 25 per cent of the production and performance expenditures and transportation expenditures and all out of state payroll costs for the eligible theater production directly attributable to activities in the commonwealth. The credit shall not be greater than \$5,000,000 and shall be limited to (i) in-state payroll costs, (ii) production and performance expenditures, (iii) transportation expenditures, and (iv) all out of state payroll costs, directly

attributable to activities in the commonwealth. The eligible theater production budget shall be not less than \$100,000.

- (3) Not more than \$5,000,000 in total may be issued for any tax year for tax credits pursuant to this subsection. If the total amount of allocated credits applied for in any particular year exceeds the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed for such year, the excess shall be treated as having been applied on the first day of the subsequent year.
- (4) The tax credit shall be allowed against the tax for the taxable period in which the credit is issued and any amount of the tax credit that exceeds the tax due for a taxable year may be carried forward for not more than 5 succeeding tax years.
- (5) If a taxpayer has not claimed the tax credits in whole or part, a taxpayer eligible for the tax credits may assign, transfer or convey the tax credits, in whole or in part, by sale or otherwise to any individual or entity and such assignee of the tax credits that have not claimed the tax credits, in whole or in part, may assign, transfer or convey the tax credits, in whole or in part, by sale or otherwise to any individual or entity. The assignee of the tax credits may use acquired credits to offset up to 100 per cent of the tax liabilities otherwise imposed pursuant to this chapter. The assignee may apply the tax credits against taxes imposed on the assignee for not more than 5 succeeding tax years from the date an eligible theater production certificate is first issued by the office. The assignor shall perfect the transfer by notifying the commissioner, in writing, within 30 calendar days following the effective date of the transfer and shall provide any information as may be required by the commissioner to administer and carry out this subsection.

2759 (6) Any assignment or sales of proceeds received by the assignor for its assignment or sale of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this subsection shall be exempt from tax under this chapter.

- (7) Upon determination by the office, in consultation with the commissioner, that the taxpayer qualifies for an eligible theater production certificate the commissioner shall issue to the taxpayer a tax credit in an amount in accordance with paragraph (2).
- (8) The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary for the administration of this subsection.
- SECTION 86. Section 38Q of chapter 63 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the figure "2023" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2028.
- SECTION 87. Said section 38Q of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 9, the figure "2024" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2029.
  - SECTION 88. Subsection (d) of said section 38Q of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- For the purpose of the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, state financial assistance shall mean the amount of any grant or principal amount of any loan, but shall not include any loan principal repaid as of the date the credit application is filed with the commissioner.
- SECTION 89. Section 38BB of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 42 to 44, inclusive, the words "The total amount of credits that may be

authorized by DHCD in a calendar year under this section and subsection (q) of section (6) of chapter 62 shall not exceed \$10,000,000 and" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- DHCD may authorize up to \$57,000,000 in credits during taxable year 2023 and up to \$30,000,000 in credits annually thereafter under this section and subsection (q) of section (6) of chapter 62. In addition, DHCD may authorize annually: (i) any portion of the annual cap on credits not authorized by DHCD in the preceding calendar years under this section or said subsection (q) of said section (6) of said chapter 62; and (ii) any credits under this section or said subsection (q) of said section (6) of said chapter 62 returned to DHCD by a certified housing development project. The total amount of credits authorized during a year.

SECTION 90. Said section 38BB of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words "chapter 62;", in line 46, the following word:- and.

SECTION 91. Subdivision (5) of said section 38BB of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence.

SECTION 92. Section 38HH of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure "31-33", in line 18, the following words:- or other expansion industries new to apprenticeship that the secretary of labor and workforce development identifies as critical to a regional labor market economy.

SECTION 93. Said chapter 63 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 38JJ the following section:-

Section 38KK. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Advertising and public relations expenditure", a cost incurred within the commonwealth by an eligible theater production for goods or services related to the marketing, public relations, creation and placement of print, electronic, television, billboards or other forms of advertising to promote the eligible theater production.

"Eligible theater production", a live stage musical, dance or theatrical production or tour being presented in a qualified production facility that is either: (a) a pre-Broadway production; (b) a pre-off Broadway production; or (c) a national tour launch.

"Eligible theater production certificate", a final certificate issued by the office, in consultation with the commissioner, certifying that a production is an eligible theater production that meets the rules or regulations of the office.

"National tour launch", a live stage production that, in its original or adaptive version, is performed in a qualified production facility and opens its national tour in the commonwealth.

"Office", the office of travel and tourism established in section 13E of chapter 23A.

"Payroll", all salaries, wages, fees and other compensation, including, but not limited to, taxes, benefits and any other consideration incurred or paid to talent and non-talent employees of the applicant for services rendered within the commonwealth to and on behalf of an eligible theater production; provided, that the payroll expenditure shall be incurred or paid by the applicant for services related to any portion of an eligible theater production from its preproduction stages, including, but not limited to: (a) the writing of the script, (b) casting, (c) hiring of service providers, (d) purchases from vendors, (e) marketing, (f) advertising, (g) public relations, (h) load in, (i) rehearsals, (j) performances, (k) other eligible theater production related activities, and (l) load out; and provided further, that the payroll expenditure shall be directly

attributable to the eligible theater production and shall be limited to the first \$100,000 of wages incurred or paid to each employee of an eligible theater production in each tax year.

"Pre-Broadway production", a live stage production that, in its original or adaptive version, is performed in a qualified production facility having a presentation scheduled for New York City's Broadway theater district within 24 months after its presentation in the commonwealth.

"Pre-off Broadway production", a live stage production that, in its original or adaptive version, is performed in a qualified production facility having a presentation scheduled for New York City's off-Broadway theater district within 24 months after its presentation in the commonwealth.

"Production and performance expenditures", a contemporaneous exchange of cash or cash equivalent for goods or services related to development, production, performance or operating expenditures incurred in the commonwealth for a qualified theater production, including, but not limited to, expenditures for design, construction and operation, including sets, special and visual effects, costumes, wardrobes, make-up, accessories, costs associated with sound, lighting, staging, advertising and public relations expenditures, facility expenses, rentals, per diems, accommodations and other related costs.

"Qualified production facility", a facility located in the commonwealth in which live theater productions are, or are intended to be, exclusively presented that contains at least 1 stage, a seating capacity of not less than 175 seats, dressing rooms, storage areas and other ancillary amenities necessary for the eligible theater production.

"Transportation expenditures", expenditures for the packaging, crating and transportation both to the commonwealth for use in a qualified theater production of sets, costumes or other tangible property constructed or manufactured out of state, or from the commonwealth after use in a qualified theater production of sets, costumes or other tangible property constructed or manufactured in the commonwealth and the transportation of the cast and crew to and from the commonwealth; provided, that "transportation expenditures" shall include the packaging, crating and transporting of property and equipment used for special and visual effects, sound, lighting and staging, costumes, wardrobes, make-up and related accessories and materials and any other performance or production-related property and equipment.

- (b) Any taxpayer that receives an eligible theater production certificate shall be allowed a tax credit against taxes imposed by this chapter. The credit shall be equal to 35 per cent of the total in-state payroll costs and 25 per cent of the production and performance expenditures and transportation expenditures and all out of state payroll costs for the eligible theater production directly attributable to activities in the commonwealth. The credit shall not be greater than \$5,000,000 and shall be limited to (i) in-state payroll costs, (ii) production and performance expenditures, (iii) transportation expenditures, and (iv) all out of state payroll costs, directly attributable to activities in the commonwealth. The eligible theater production budget shall be not less than \$100,000.
- (c) Not more than \$5,000,000 in total may be issued for any tax year for tax credits pursuant to this section. If the total amount of allocated credits applied for in any particular year exceeds the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed for such year, the excess shall be treated as having been applied on the first day of the subsequent year.

(d) The tax credit shall be allowed against the tax for the taxable period in which the credit is issued and any amount of the tax credit that exceeds the tax due for a taxable year may be carried forward for not more than 5 succeeding tax years.

- (e) If a taxpayer has not claimed the tax credits in whole or part, a taxpayer eligible for the tax credits may assign, transfer or convey the tax credits, in whole or in part, by sale or otherwise to any individual or entity and such assignee of the tax credits that have not claimed the tax credits, in whole or in part, may assign, transfer or convey the tax credits, in whole or in part, by sale or otherwise to any individual or entity. The assignee of the tax credits may use acquired credits to offset up to 100 per cent of the tax liabilities otherwise imposed pursuant to this chapter. The assignee may apply the tax credits against taxes imposed on the assignee for not more than 5 succeeding tax years from the date an eligible theater production certificate is first issued by the office. The assignor shall perfect the transfer by notifying the commissioner, in writing, within 30 calendar days following the effective date of the transfer and shall provide any information as may be required by the commissioner to administer and carry out this section.
- (f) Any assignment or sales of proceeds received by the assignor for its assignment or sale of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this section shall be exempt from tax under this chapter.
- (g) The credit shall only be allowed against the tax of a corporation included in a consolidated return that qualifies for the credit and shall not be allowed against the tax of other corporations that may join in the filing of a consolidated tax return; provided, however, that in the case of a corporation that files a consolidated return with 1 or more other corporations with

operations in the commonwealth, the credit shall be allowed to be included in a consolidated return with respect to such corporations with operations only in the commonwealth.

- (h) Credits allowed to a company that is a S corporation, as defined in section 1361 of the Code, partnership or a limited liability company that is taxed as a partnership shall be passed through respectively to persons designated as partners, members or owners of such companies on a pro rata basis or pursuant to an executed agreement among such persons designated as S corporation shareholders, partners or members documenting an alternate distribution method without regard to their sharing of other tax or economic attributes of such entity.
- (i) Upon determination by the office, in consultation with the commissioner, that the taxpayer qualifies for an eligible theater production certificate, the commissioner shall issue to the taxpayer a tax credit in an amount in accordance with subsection (b).
- (j) The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary for the administration of this section.

SECTION 93A. Section 1 of chapter 64H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of "Retail establishment", the following definition:-

"Rolling stock", trucks, tractors and trailers, used by common carriers to transport goods in interstate commerce.

SECTION 93B. Section 6 of said chapter 64H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (xx), the following 2 paragraphs:-

(yy)(1) Sale of: (A) eligible data center equipment for use in a qualified data center; (B) computer software for use in a qualified data center; (C) electricity for use or consumption in the operation of a qualified data center; or (D) construction costs incurred for the construction, renovation or refurbishment of a qualified data center.

- (2) If secretary revokes the certification of a qualified data center the commissioner shall, as of the effective date of the revocation, disallow any credits, exemptions or other tax benefits allowed by the original certification of tax benefits under this paragraph.
- (3) If the qualified data center is sold to a new owner prior to the expiration of the exemption, tax benefits under this paragraph shall remain in effect and apply to a subsequent owner for the remaining duration of the 20-year qualification period.
- (4) As used in this paragraph, the following words shall, unless the context clearly otherwise requires, have the following meanings:
- "Colocation tenant", a person, partnership, company, corporation or other entity that contracts with or leases from the owner or operator of a qualified data center to use or occupy all or part of a qualified data center.
- "Computer software", software purchased, leased, utilized or loaded at a qualified data center, including, but not limited to, maintenance, licensing and software customization.
- "Construction costs", costs of materials, labor, services and equipment purchased or leased to construct a qualified data center facility, including, but not limited to, data center building costs, accessory building costs and building improvement costs, land development and site improvement costs, site utility infrastructure costs, building materials, steel, concrete, gravel,

engineering services, heavy equipment, cranes, transportation equipment, excavation costs, storm water system and management costs, access roads, bridges, fencing, lighting, landscaping and other costs to construct the facility.

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"Eligible data center equipment", computers and equipment supporting computing, networking, data processing or data storage, including, but not limited to, servers and routers; computer servers, routers, connections, chassis, networking equipment, switches, racks, fiber optic and copper cables, trays, conduits and other enabling machinery, equipment and hardware; component parts, replacement parts and upgrades; cooling systems, cooling towers, chillers, mechanical equipment, HVAC equipment, refrigerant piping, fuel piping and storage, adiabatic and free cooling systems, water softeners, air handling units, indoor direct exchange units, fans, ducting, filters and other temperature control infrastructure; power infrastructure for transformation, generation, distribution, or management of electricity used for the operations and maintenance of a qualified data center, including, but not limited to, substations, switchyards, transformers, generators, uninterruptible power supplies, backup power generation systems, battery systems, energy efficiency measures, supplies, fuel piping and storage, duct banks, switches, switchboards, testing equipment and related utility infrastructure; monitoring and security equipment; water conservation systems, including, but not limited to, equipment designed to collect, conserve and reuse water; modular data center equipment and preassembled components of any item described in this paragraph, including, but not limited to, components used in the manufacturing of modular data centers; and any other personal property or equipment that is used or consumed in the operation and maintenance of the qualified data center.

"Qualified data center costs", expenditures made for the construction, refurbishment, renovation or improvement of a facility to be used as a qualified data center, including, but not

limited to, the cost of land, land development and site improvement costs, site utility infrastructure costs, construction costs, data center building costs, accessory building costs and building improvement costs, and eligible data center equipment.

"Qualified data center", a facility in the commonwealth that:

- (A) is owned or leased by: (i) the operator of the data center facility; or (ii) a person, partnership, company, corporation or other entity under common ownership of the operator of the data center facility;
- (B) is comprised of 1 or more data center buildings that consist in the aggregate of not less than 100,000 square feet, and that are located on a single parcel, or on contiguous parcels, where the total eligible qualified data center costs of the data center facility are at least \$50,000,000 within a 10-year period from the effective date of the certification by the secretary as a qualified data center facility;
  - (C) is constructed or substantially refurbished;
  - (D) maintains a minimum of 100 jobs in the commonwealth; and
- (E) is used to house computer information technology equipment, networking, data processing or data storage, including, but not limited to, servers and routers for the storage, management, and dissemination of data and information where the facility has the following characteristics: (i) uninterruptible power supplies, generator backup power, or both; (ii) sophisticated fire suppression and prevention systems; and (iii) enhanced security; provided, that a qualified data center shall be considered to have enhanced security if it has restricted access to

the facility to selected personnel, permanent security guards, video camera surveillance, an electronic system requiring pass codes, keycards or biometric scans or similar security features.

"Qualification period", a 20-year period of time beginning on the effective date of the certification by the secretary of the qualified data center for the first data center building, and expiring at the end of the twentieth full calendar year following the calendar year in which the certification became effective; provided, that if the qualified data center is comprised of more than 1 data center building, the qualification period for each subsequent data center building that is constructed at the qualified data center facility shall start when each data center building begins commercial operations, as evidenced by receipt of a certificate of occupancy, and shall continue for a period of 20 full calendar years, expiring at the end of the twentieth full calendar year following the calendar year each respective data center building began commercial operations.

"Secretary", the secretary of the executive office of housing and economic development.

"Substantially refurbished", a rebuild, modification or construction of not less than 100,000 square feet of an existing facility that is a qualified data center where the total eligible qualified data center costs are not less than \$50,000,000 within a 10-year period from the effective date of the certification by the secretary as a qualified data center facility, including, but not limited to: (i) installation of computer information technology equipment, networking, data processing or data storage, including servers and routers, environmental control, computer software and energy efficiency improvements; and (ii) building improvements.

(3) The commissioner shall promulgate regulations necessary for the administration of this paragraph.

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SECTION 94. Section 1 of chapter 64I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
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SECTION 95. Section 2A of chapter 65C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place the following subsection:-

(a)(1) A tax is hereby imposed upon the transfer of the estate of each person dying on or after January 1, 1997 who, at the time of death, was a resident of the commonwealth. The amount of the tax shall be equal to the credit for state death taxes that would have been allowable to a decedent's estate as computed under section 2011 of the Code, as in effect on December 31, 2000, hereinafter referred to as the "credit". For the estate of a decedent dying on or after January 1, 2023, who at the time of death, was a resident of the commonwealth, the following shall be used for the computation of the maximum credit for the state death taxes:

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3011	\$40,000	90,000	0	0.8
3012	90,000	140,000	\$400	1.6

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3015	440,000	640,000	10,000	4.0
3016	640,000	840,000	18,000	4.8
3017	840,000	1,040,000	27,600	5.6
3018	1,040,000	1,540,000	38,800	6.4
3019	1,540,000	2,040,000	70,800	7.2
3020	2,040,000	2,540,000	106,800	8.0
3021	2,540,000	3,040,000	146,800	8.8
3022	3,040,000	3,540,000	90,800	9.6
3023	3,540,000	4,040,000	238,800	10.4
3024	4,040,000	5,000,000	290,800	11.2
3025	5,000,000		398,320	17.0

(2) In the event that the federal gross estate of a person includes real or tangible personal property located outside of Massachusetts at the time of death, the tax shall be reduced by an amount equal to the proportion of such allowable credit as the value of said real or tangible personal property located outside of Massachusetts bears to the value of the entire federal gross

estate wherever situated, as determined under section 2011 of the Code, as in effect on December 31, 2000.

SECTION 96. Said section 2A of said chapter 65C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

(f) Effective for the estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, for purposes of computing the tax imposed by subsections (a) and (b), the credit shall be determined based on the value of the federal taxable estate after such estate is reduced by \$2,000,000. Estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023 are not required to pay any tax under subsection (a) or (b) if the value of the federal taxable estate is \$2,000,000 or less. For purposes of this subsection, the federal taxable estate is the federal gross estate less any qualified conservation exclusion elected under section 2031(c) of the Code, as in effect on December 31, 2000, and further reduced by the deductions allowable by the Code, as in effect on December 31, 2000.

SECTION 97. Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 37. For the purposes of this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Career technical education" or "CTE", organized education programs offering sequences of courses designed to educate and prepare students for both employment and continuing academic and occupational preparation. Such programs shall integrate academic and vocational education and shall include competency-based applied learning which contributes to an individual's academic knowledge, higher order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills and the occupational-specific skills necessary for

economic independence as a productive and contributing member of society. Vocational-technical education shall also include applied technology education to be taught by personnel certified in technology education.

"Collaborative CTE demonstration programs", programs where students split time between a comprehensive high school and a school offering programs pursuant to chapter 74.

"Office", the office of career technical education.

- (b) There is hereby established within the department of elementary and secondary education an office of career technical education, which shall be under the supervision and management of the deputy commissioner of career technical education. The deputy commissioner shall be appointed by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, with the approval of the board. It shall be the duty of the deputy commissioner to improve and maximize career technical education throughout the commonwealth. The office of career technical education shall, in collaboration with the board, promulgate regulations and develop and implement polices to enhance all career technical education programs in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, ensuring the enforcement of regulations relative to certificates of occupational proficiency.
  - (c) The office shall:

(1) promote and support innovative and collaborative CTE demonstration programs; provided, that under said programs, participating students shall take required academic classes in the morning and vocational courses in the afternoon when the equipment is available;

(2) develop credentials for students graduating from high quality CTE programs in applied knowledge, effective relationships and workplace skills as described in the Employability Skills Framework of the federal Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education;

- (3) ensure instructional ability and competence of CTE instructors through the utilization of occupational advisory boards and nationally validated teacher competency testing;
- (4) utilize both pre- and post-technical assessment in both cognitive and psychomotor domains to determine students' abilities and knowledge;
- (5) collaborate with recognized industry credential providers to develop state-customized credentials to measure career readiness through skill assessments appropriate to each tier of CTE;
- (6) consider the use of the 21st Century Skills for Workplace Success credential developed by NOCTI which validates overall workplace readiness skills and is aligned to the Employability Skills Framework of the federal Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education; provided, that the credential may be utilized to validate basic competencies before participation in externships or school-based enterprises and may be utilized with Massachusetts one-stop career centers or as a graduation or completion requirement for post-graduate and post-secondary programs pursuant to chapter 74;
- 3090 (7) support the use of industry-recognized credentials in a program offered pursuant to 3091 chapter 74;

(8) support the use of both longitudinal and pre- and post-student assessment as a means of obtaining meaningful data for curricular improvement; provided that data may be utilized for facilities improvement, equipment investments, mission success and professional development;

- (9) engage in statewide data sharing agreements with credential providers that include a variety of access portals for a variety of levels of personnel, including, but not limited to, state and local CTE administration, CTE teachers, parents and students, providing access to stakeholders to assess program effectiveness;
- (10) encourage and work to increase the use of articulation agreements with community colleges and public universities and other dual credit programs to allow CTE students to earn credit and stacked credentials that lead to an associate degree; and
- (11) implement and promote efforts, including those related to student outreach and retention, to ensure that CTE programs are accessible to all students, including English language learners, students with disabilities and student populations traditionally underrepresented in CTE programs.
- SECTION 98. Section 3A of chapter 70B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the figure "17" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 19.
- SECTION 99. Said section 3A of said chapter 70B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "Inc.", in line 21, the following words:-, Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc., Alliance for Vocational Technical Education.

SECTION 100. Section 16 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 152, the word "five" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 25.

SECTION 101. Chapter 94C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 19D the following section:-

Section 19E. (a) As used in this section and unless the context clearly requires otherwise, "COVID-19 control measure" shall mean a COVID-19 drug, COVID-19 test or other COVID-19 diagnostic device approved or otherwise authorized by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

- (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner, or a physician who is designated by the commissioner and is registered to distribute or dispense a controlled substance in the course of professional practice under section 7, may issue a standing order that may be used for a licensed pharmacist to dispense a COVID-19 control measure. A standing order issued pursuant to this section shall include, but not be limited to, any necessary information or standardized procedures or protocols for the dispensing of the COVID-19 control measure.
- (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a pharmacist may dispense a COVID-19 control measure in accordance with a standing order issued under subsection (b).
- (d) A pharmacist who dispenses a COVID-19 control measure in accordance with a standing order issued under subsection (b) shall, upon request, report to the department on the doses, tests or devices dispensed. Reports shall be confidential and shall not constitute a public

record as defined in clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4. The department shall publish an annual report that includes aggregate information about the dispensing of COVID-19 control measures in the commonwealth.

- (e) A pharmacist who dispenses a COVID-19 control measure pursuant to this section shall, for the purposes of health insurance billing and cost-sharing, treat the transaction as the dispensing of a prescription to the person purchasing the COVID-19 control measure in accordance with clinical guidelines as developed by the department. Unless the person purchasing the COVID-19 control measure requests to pay for the prescription out-of-pocket, the pharmacist shall make a reasonable effort to identify the purchaser's insurance coverage and to submit a claim for the COVID-19 control measure to the insurance carrier prior to dispensing the COVID-19 control measure.
- (f) Except for an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the commissioner or a physician who issues the statewide standing order under subsection (b) and any pharmacist who, acting in good faith, directly or through the standing order, dispenses a COVID-19 control measure in accordance with a standing order issued under subsection (b) shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability or any professional disciplinary action.
- (g) The department, the board of registration in medicine and the board of registration in pharmacy may adopt regulations to implement this section.
- SECTION 101A. Section 72W of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fifth paragraph the following paragraph:-

3155	A nurses' aide who receives their training and works in a facility whose resident
3156	population is predominantly non-English speaking, shall be offered the option to take the nurse
3157	aide certification exam in a language other than English, including Spanish and Chinese;
3158	provided, that the department shall determine which languages the exam shall be offered in.
3159	SECTION 101B. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
3160	section 52G the following section:-
3161	Section 52H. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall, unless the
3162	context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:
3163	"Board", the board of registration in dentistry established in section 19 of chapter 13.
3164	"Continuing care", guidance, support, toxicology collection and accountability through a
3165	formal monitoring contract concurrent with or following an evaluation and treatment process.
3166	"Peer review committee", a committee of healthcare providers which evaluates or
3167	improves the quality of health care rendered by providers of health care services and the
3168	evaluates and assists health care providers impaired or allegedly impaired by reason of alcohol,
3169	drugs, physical disability, mental instability or otherwise.
3170	"Substantive non-compliance", a pattern of non-compliance or dishonesty in continuing
3171	care monitoring or an episode of non-compliance which could place patients at risk.
3172	(b)(1) The board is hereby authorized and directed to offer a remediation program for
3173	dentists and dental hygienists.
3174	(2) The board shall select 1 or more providers to serve as designated remediation

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programs.

(3) The board shall establish: (i) criteria for the acceptance, denial or termination of registered dentists and dental hygienists in the program; and (ii) an outreach program to identify registered dentists and dental hygienists who may have a substance use disorder and to provide education about the remediation program.

- (4) No member of the board shall be employed by or volunteer for the program.
- (c)(1) A remediation program shall serve as a voluntary alternative to traditional disciplinary actions. Any registered dentist or dental hygienist in the commonwealth may request to participate in the program.
- (2) To be eligible for designation, a remediation program shall have demonstrable experience in the field of substance use disorder and shall employ a licensed mental health professional with experience in the treatment of substance use disorders.
- (3) The remediation program shall have the following duties and responsibilities: (i) to evaluate registered dentists and dental hygienists who request to participate in the program for admission into the program; (ii) to agree to accept referrals from the board; (iii) to review and designate treatment facilities and assessment services to which participants may be referred; (iv) to receive and review information concerning a participant in the program; (v) to disclose to the board aggregate data on compliance-based on ongoing recovery documentation; (vi) to provide each participant, through contracted agreements, with an individualized remediation plan according to guidelines developed through collaboration between the board and the remediation program with regards to requirements for supervision; (vii) to provide information to dentists or dental hygienists who request to participate in the program; and (viii) to establish an outreach

program to identify registered dentists and dental hygienists who may have a substance use or other mental health disorder, and to provide education about the remediation program.

- (4) A registered dentist or dental hygienist who requests to participate in the remediation program shall agree to cooperate with the individualized remediation plan recommended by the remediation program. The remediation program may report to the board the name and license number of a registered dentist or dental hygienist who fails to comply with an individualized remediation plan.
- (5) After the remediation program, in its discretion, has determined that a registered dentist or dental hygienist has successfully completed an individualized remediation plan through the program, the board shall seal all records pertaining to the participation of the registered dentist or dental hygienist in the program. No record shall be sealed sooner than 5 years from the participant's date of entry into the program. All board and remediation program records of a participant's involvement in the program shall be kept confidential and shall not be subject to discovery or subpoena in any civil, criminal, legislative or administrative proceeding without the prior written consent of the participant.
- (6) The designated remediation programs shall be confidential and shall offer a means of recovery and rehabilitation without the loss of a license by providing access to early identification, intervention, evaluation, monitoring, referral to appropriate intervention programs and treatment services, and earned advocacy, when appropriate, of licensees with potentially impairing illness, ideally prior to functional impairment.
- (7) In accordance with peer review law, proceedings, reports and records of the remediation program shall be confidential pursuant to section 240. Such records shall not to be

disclosed, and shall not subject to subpoena or discovery, and shall not be introduced into evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding, subject to paragraph (4) and (5).

(8) No employee or volunteer member of the remediation program who is licensed to practice by the department of public health division of professional licensure or by the board shall have had any type of disciplinary or enforcement action taken against them by their respective licensing board, during the 5 years preceding their appointment to the program.

SECTION 102. Section 1 of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of "Blighted open area," the following definition:-

"Capital funds", funds advanced by the department to a housing authority to finance capital outlays for housing production or preservation from proceeds of a bond authorization as defined in section 1 of chapter 29.

SECTION 103. Said section 1 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the definition of "Relocation project," the following definition:-

"Replacement units", low-rent housing created to replace an existing housing project that is demolished or disposed of under subsection (k) of section 26; provided, that such units may be included within a privately-owned mixed-income development that also includes dwellings that are not low-rent housing; and provided further, that the use and occupancy of the replacement units is subject to a binding legal contract and land use restriction under paragraph (7) of subsection (k) of section 26.

SECTION 104. Section 11 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

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Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a housing authority, with the approval of the department, shall have the power to secure indebtedness incurred for the preservation, modernization and maintenance of 1 or more of its low-rent housing developments assisted under section 32 or section 34 by a pledge of a portion of capital funds awarded to it for improvements to be carried out pursuant to a department-approved capital improvement plan in accordance with department regulations governing capital projects. The department shall promulgate regulations establishing limitations on the percentage of awarded capital funds that may be pledged to secure indebtedness, describing permitted terms for borrowing and repayment and establishing criteria for housing authorities that will be permitted to incur indebtedness secured by a pledge of capital funds. Any pledge of future year capital funds pursuant to this section is subject to the availability of funds under the department's capital spending plan as approved by the governor for that year. All financing documents related to future year capital fund amounts shall include a statement that the credit of the commonwealth is not pledged and that the pledging of funds is subject to the availability of funds under the department's capital spending plan as approved by the governor.

SECTION 105. Section 26 of said chapter 121B is hereby amended by inserting after the word "sale", in line 91, as so appearing, the following words:- or other disposition.

SECTION 106. Subsection (k) of said section 26 of said chapter 121B, as amended by section 72 of chapter 39 of the acts of 2021, is hereby further amended by striking out paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following 4 paragraphs:-

(1) found that all or a substantial portion of such existing housing project or part thereof requires such substantial modernization or rehabilitation to continue to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing and that, in the judgment of the department, the required substantial modernization or rehabilitation cannot feasibly be executed by the housing authority pursuant to this chapter;

- (2) approved the proposed project, including a relocation plan for occupants of the existing project and a plan to make housing available on the land where the existing project is situated, in which the number of replacement units restricted as low-rent housing for occupancy by low-income persons or families shall be the same as the number of low-rent housing units in the existing housing project or part thereof that is subject to demolition or disposition, unless the department determines that: (i) a shortage of low-rent housing no longer exists in the applicable city or town; or (ii) the reduction in the number of units is necessary to increase the number of units that are accessible for persons with disabilities, which project may include plans to use a portion of such land for market-rate housing or for a public purpose ancillary to such development and approved by the department:
- (3) approved the sale or other disposition and the terms thereof, which shall be at a value determined through procedures customarily accepted by the appraising profession as valid, unless the department determines that a below-market disposition would be in the public interest in order to support the continued occupancy of dwelling units in the new development by low-income families:
- (4) determined that the availability of funds to the housing authority for such project is conditioned upon the occurrence of the initial mortgage loan closing for the development of new

or rehabilitated housing on the land where the existing project is situated, and the housing authority has selected, through a qualifications-based competitive procurement process approved by the department, a developer best qualified to develop, own and operate the new or rehabilitated housing on the existing land, to provide for such development of the new housing within a reasonable time in accordance with department-approved contracts, and to assure continued occupancy of the required number of replacement units in the new development by low-income families in accordance with this chapter.

SECTION 107. Said subsection (k) of said section 26 of said chapter 121B, as so amended, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

(7) approved a binding legal contract and land use restriction to be entered into by the transferee of the property in favor of the local housing authority and the department that requires compliance with this chapter and the department's regulations to the extent this chapter and regulations apply to tenancy at and application to public housing, as determined by the department, with respect to the replacement units in the same manner and to the same effect as if such entity were a housing authority, subject to such regulatory waivers given by the department as may be necessary to secure financing. The contract shall require compliance in perpetuity unless the department determines that the project financing requires the use of federal low-income housing tax credits and that compliance in perpetuity would make it infeasible to comply with Internal Revenue Service requirements with respect to the low-income housing tax credit program.

SECTION 108. Subsection (p) of said section 26 of said chapter 121B, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 243, the words "this section or section 34" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- any provision of this chapter.

SECTION 109. Said subsection (p) of said section 26 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words "feasible to", in line 248, the following words:- maintain or to.

SECTION 110. Said subsection (p) of said section 26 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "demolition", in line 252, the following words:- or other disposition.

SECTION 111. Said subsection (p) of said section 26 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 254, the words "as of November 1, 2012", and inserting in place thereof the following words:- for reasons the department has determined not to be the fault of the housing authority for at least 2 years.

SECTION 112. Said section 26 of said chapter 121B, as amended by section 72 of chapter 39 of the acts of 2021, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

(q) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including, without limitation, section 16 of chapter 30B, a housing authority may dispose of property pursuant to this section or section 34 to a developer selected by competitive, qualifications-based procurement without separately soliciting proposals for the property disposition; provided, that the developer procurement declares the property available for disposition and that, in the case of a disposition of property pursuant to subsection (k), the number of replacement units required

under paragraph (2) of said subsection (k) are provided. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (1) A housing authority shall not be required to determine the value of the property prior to soliciting proposals for selection of a developer best qualified to develop, own and operate the new or rehabilitated housing on the land. Prior to disposition of property by deed or other instrument, the housing authority shall determine the value of the property through procedures customarily accepted by the appraising profession as valid prior to the sale or other disposition of the property and if, with the approval of the department, the housing authority decides to dispose of the property at a price less than the value as so determined, the housing authority shall publish notice of its decision in the central register, explaining the reasons for its decision and disclosing the difference between such value and the price to be received; and
- (2) A housing authority shall not be required to specify all the restrictions that may be placed on the subsequent use of property prior to selecting a developer through a qualifications-based competitive procurement process; provided, that the developer procurement shall identify the minimum number of dwelling units in the new development that shall be occupied by low-income families. In the case of a disposition pursuant to subsection (k), such minimum number shall conform to the requirements of paragraph (2) of said subsection (k).
- SECTION 113. Section 29 of said chapter 121B, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary, if a housing authority does not own, lease or manage any housing project eligible to receive ongoing capital or operating assistance under section 32 or 34, the department shall not investigate such housing authority's

budgets, finances, dealings, transactions and relationships or other affairs, nor shall the department require periodic reporting by any such housing authority. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a housing authority that does not own, lease or manage any housing project eligible to receive ongoing capital or operating assistance under said section 32 or 34 shall not be required to: (i) participate in a training program under section 5B; (ii) submit contracts with its executive director to the department for review pursuant to section 7A; (iii) participate in the performance-based monitoring program established pursuant to section 26B; (iv) participate in the regional capital assistance team program established pursuant to section 26C; (v) prepare and submit an annual plan pursuant to section 28A and this section; or (vi) prepare and submit, or make available, a written report and agreed upon procedures for review of housing authority financial records pursuant to this section.

SECTION 114. Section 34 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the fifth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

The proceeds of any sale or other disposition of such project in excess of the total of all obligations of the housing authority with respect to such project shall, after the payment of all bonds issued by the housing authority to finance the cost of such project and payment of the costs of the sale or disposition, be retained by the housing authority for the preservation, modernization and maintenance of its public housing assisted under this chapter as approved by the department, or where the housing authority has no public housing assisted pursuant to this chapter, such proceeds shall be paid to the department to fund capital improvements for the preservation, modernization and maintenance of state-aided public housing.

SECTION 115. Said section 34 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the tenth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

Whenever a housing authority shall determine that land acquired by it pursuant to clause (d) of section 11 for the purpose of this section is in excess of or no longer required for such purposes it may, upon approval by the department, sell or otherwise dispose of such land by deed or instrument approved as to form by the attorney general. If the housing authority is disposing of such land for purposes of housing development, it may do so in accordance with section 26. So long as any bonds issued by a housing authority to finance the cost of a project under this section or section 35 and guaranteed by the commonwealth are outstanding, funds received from a disposition of land as provided in this chapter shall be applied in accordance with the fourth paragraph of this section. After the payment of all bonds issued by the housing authority to finance the cost of such project, funds received shall be applied in accordance with the fifth paragraph of this section.

SECTION 116. Said section 34 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, construction and development activity related to redevelopment of state-aided or federally-aided public housing projects where the land, buildings or structures associated with the housing project have been conveyed or transferred to an affiliated non-profit or private entity for purposes of completing the redevelopment shall not be subject to any general or special law related to the procurement and award of contracts for the planning, design, construction management, construction,

reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance or repair of buildings by a public agency; provided, that the department shall review and approve the procurement processes used to undertake this redevelopment in accordance with subsection (q) of section 26; and provided further, that all construction, reconstruction, alteration, installation, demolition, maintenance or repair shall be subject to sections 26 to 27F, inclusive, and section 29 of chapter 149. The department shall request rates and updates from the division of labor standards for these projects.

SECTION 116A. Section 3 of chapter 137 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "to", in line 6, the following words:- chapter 10 or.

SECTION 116B. Section 96 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

This section shall not apply to loans that are subject to section 90A or section 28B of chapter 183 nor to any transactions engaged in pursuant to a license granted under section 58 or section 2 of chapter 255B.

SECTION 116C. Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 204. (a) No employer or prospective employer as a condition of hire, commencement of employment or continuation of employment, shall require a prospective employee, an employee who has not commenced employment or an employee to enter into a contract waiving a substantive or procedural right or remedy relating to any employment or employment-related claim, including, but not limited to, any claim for a violation of this chapter,

chapter 151B or for a violation of public policy in employment. A contract executed in violation of this section shall be unenforceable.

- (b) Whoever enforces or attempts to enforce a waiver in violation of subsection (a) shall be liable for damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
- (c) No employer or prospective employer shall take retaliatory action against a prospective employee, an employee who has not commenced employment or an employee who refuses to enter a contract in violation of subsection (a). Retaliation shall include, but not be limited to, the failure to hire, discharge, suspension, demotion or discrimination in the terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any other adverse action, against a prospective employee, an employee who has not commenced employment or an employee because the prospective employee, employee who has not commenced employment or employee refuses to enter into a contract in violation of subsection (a).
- (d) A prospective employee, an employee who has not commenced employment or an employee aggrieved by a violation of this section may, within 3 years after the violation, commence a civil action for damages and injunctive relief. If the court finds that a person was aggrieved by a violation of this section, the person shall recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. The rights and remedies in this section shall not be exclusive and shall not preempt other available procedures and remedies for retaliatory actions, including, but not limited to, those contained in section 150 and section 4 of chapter 151B.
- (e) The attorney general may enforce this section if the substantive or procedural right or remedy at issue arises under section 150.

3431	(1) The Massachusetts commission against discrimination may enforce this section if the
3432	substantive or procedural right or remedy at issue arises under chapter 151B.
3433	(g) A person aggrieved by a violation of chapter 151B who seeks a remedy other than: (i)
3434	nonenforcement of a contract provision prohibited by this section; or (ii) reasonable attorneys'
3435	fees and costs for enforcement of any provision of this section, shall seek such remedy under
3436	said chapter 151B.
3437	SECTION 116D.Chapter 167F of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
3438	section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-
3439	Section 4. A bank may engage directly in the business of selling, issuing or registering
3440	checks.
3441	SECTION 116E. Chapter 169 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.
3442	SECTION 116F. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 169A
3443	the following chapter:-
3444	CHAPTER 169B.
3445	LICENSING AND SUPERVISION OF MONEY TRANSMITTERS.
3446	Section 1. As used in this chapter, the following words shall, unless the context clearly
3447	requires otherwise, have the following meanings:
3448	"Authorized delegate", a person designated by a licensee under this chapter to engage in
3449	money transmission on behalf of a licensee.

"Branch office", any office in the commonwealth operated by a licensee at which the licensee engages in money transmission.

"Closed loop stored value", stored value that is redeemable by the issuer only for goods or services provided by the issuer or its affiliate or franchisees of the issuer or its affiliate, except to the extent required by applicable law to be redeemable in cash for its cash value.

"Commissioner", the commissioner of banks.

"Licensee", a person licensed pursuant to this chapter to engage in the business of money transmission.

"Material litigation", any litigation that, according to generally accepted accounting principles, is deemed significant to an applicant's or licensee's financial health and would be required to be referenced in that entity's annual audited financial statements, report to shareholders or similar documents.

"Money transmission", any of the following: (i) selling or issuing a payment instrument to a person located in the commonwealth; (ii) selling or issuing stored value to a person located in the commonwealth; or (iii) receiving money for transmission from a person located in the commonwealth; provided, that "money transmission" shall not include: (i) transactions undertaken for other than personal, family or household purposes; or (ii) the provision solely of online or telecommunications services or network access.

"Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry" or "NMLS", the multistate system developed by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators and owned and operated by the State Regulatory Registry,

LLC, or any successor or affiliated entity, for the licensing and registration of persons in financial services industries.

"Outstanding money transmission obligations", (i) any payment instrument or stored value issued or sold by the licensee to a person located in the United States or reported as sold by an authorized delegate of the licensee to a person that is located in the United States that has not yet been paid or refunded by or for the licensee, or escheated in accordance with applicable unclaimed property laws; or (ii) any money received for transmission by the licensee or an authorized delegate in the United States from a person located in the United States that has not been received by the payee or refunded to the sender, or escheated in accordance with applicable unclaimed property laws.

"Payment instrument", a written or electronic check, draft, money order, traveler's check, or other written or electronic instrument for the transmission or payment of money or monetary value, whether or not negotiable; provided, however, that "payment instrument" shall not include: any credit card voucher; any letter of credit; stored value; or any instrument that is: (i) redeemable by the issuer only for goods or services provided by the issuer or its affiliate or franchisees of the issuer or its affiliate, except to the extent required by applicable law to be redeemable in cash for its cash value; or (ii) not sold to the public but issued and distributed as part of a loyalty, rewards or promotional program.

"Person", any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock association, trust, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or corporation.

"Principal shareholder", any person or group of persons acting in concert who owns not less than 10 per cent of any voting class of an applicant's stock.

"Remit", (i) to make direct payment of money to a licensee or its representatives authorized to receive the money; or (ii) to deposit money in a bank, credit union or savings and loan association or other similar financial institution in an account specified by the licensee.

"Stored value", monetary value representing a claim against the issuer evidenced by an electronic or digital record, and that is intended and accepted for use as a means of redemption for money or monetary value, or payment for goods or services; provided, that "stored value" shall include, but is not limited to, prepaid access, as defined by 31 C.F.R. 1010.100, as amended or recodified from time to time; and provided further, that notwithstanding the foregoing, "stored value" shall not include a payment instrument or closed loop stored value, or stored value not sold to the public but issued and distributed as part of a loyalty, rewards or promotional program.

Section 2. No person or entity shall engage in the business of money transmission without first obtaining a license from the commissioner pursuant to this chapter. A license shall not be required for a person that is an authorized delegate of a licensee acting within the scope of authority conferred by a written contract with the licensee.

A licensee that intends to engage in money transmission business at a location other than its main office shall register each such branch office with the commissioner by providing such information as the commissioner may determine necessary; provided, however, that registration shall not be required for a location of an authorized delegate.

- Section 3. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to:
- (a) the United States or a department, agency or instrumentality thereof;

(b) money transmission by the United States Postal Service or by a contractor on behalf of the United States Postal Service;

- (c) a state or a governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof;
- (d) a bank, as defined in section 1 of chapter 167, a national banking association, a federally chartered credit union, a federal savings and loan association, a federal savings bank, or any subsidiary of the above, or any bank, trust company, savings bank, savings and loan association, or credit union organized under the laws of any other state, or any subsidiary of the above, a bank holding company, an office of an international banking corporation, a branch of a foreign bank, a corporation organized pursuant to the Bank Service Company Act 12 U.S.C. 1861 et seq, or a corporation organized under the Edge Act 12 U.S.C. 611-632, under the laws of a state or the United States if the person does not issue, sell or provide payment instruments or stored value through an authorized delegate that is not such a person;
- (e) electronic funds transfer of governmental benefits for a federal, state or governmental agency by a contractor on behalf of the United States or a department, agency or instrumentality thereof, or a state or governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof;
- (f) a board of trade designated as a contract market under the Commodity Exchange Act 7 U.S.C. 1 or a person that, in the ordinary course of business, provides clearance and settlement services for a board of trade to the extent of its operation as or for such a board of trade;
- (g) a registered futures commission merchant under the federal commodities laws to the extent of its operation as such a merchant;

(h) a person that provides clearance or settlement services pursuant to a registration as a clearing agency or an exemption from such registration granted under the federal securities laws to the extent of its operation as such a provider;

- (i) a person appointed as an agent of a payee to collect and process a payment from a payor to the payee for goods or services, other than money transmission itself, provided to the payor by the payee; provided, that: (A) there exists a written agreement between the payee and the agent directing the agent to collect and process payments from payors on the payee's behalf; (B) the payee holds the agent out to the public as accepting payments for goods or services on the payee's behalf; and (C) payment for the goods and services is treated as received by the payee upon receipt by the agent so that the payor's obligation is extinguished and there is no risk of loss to the payor if the agent fails to remit the funds to the payee;
- (j) an operator of a payment system to the extent that it provides processing, clearing or settlement services, between or among persons excluded by this section, in connection with wire transfers, credit card transactions, debit card transactions, stored value transactions, automated clearing house transfers or similar funds transfers;
- (k) a person registered as a securities broker-dealer under federal or state securities laws to the extent of its operation as such a broker-dealer;
- (l) a person that acts as an intermediary by processing payments between an entity that has directly incurred an outstanding money transmission obligation to a sender, and the sender's designated recipient; provided, that the entity: (A) is properly licensed or exempt from licensing requirements under this chapter; (B) provides a receipt, electronic record or other written confirmation to the sender identifying the entity as the provider of money transmission in the

transaction; and (C) bears sole responsibility to satisfy the outstanding money transmission obligation to the sender, including the obligation to make the sender whole in connection with any failure to transmit the funds to the sender's designated recipient;

- (m) a person expressly appointed as a third-party service provider to or agent of an entity exempt pursuant to subsection (d), solely to the extent that: (A) such service provider or agent is engaging in money transmission on behalf of and pursuant to a written agreement with the exempt entity that sets forth the specific functions that the service provider or agent is to perform; and (B) the exempt entity assumes all risk of loss and all legal responsibility for satisfying the outstanding money transmission obligations owed to purchasers and holders of the outstanding money transmission obligations upon receipt of the purchaser's or holder's money or monetary value by the service provider or agent; or
- (n) a person exempt by regulation or order if the commissioner finds such exemption to be in the public interest and that the regulation of such person is not necessary for the purposes of this chapter.
- Section 4. (a) The commissioner may establish a minimum net worth not greater than \$5,000,000 for entities engaged in the business of money transmission.
- (b) The commissioner may adopt, amend or repeal rules and regulations to aid in the administration and enforcement of this chapter. Such regulation may contain such classifications, differentiations or other provisions, and may provide for such adjustments and exceptions for any class of transactions, as in the judgment of the commissioner are necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this chapter, to prevent circumvention or evasion thereof, or to facilitate compliance therewith.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the commissioner may issue an advisory opinion or adopt regulations relative to the business of money transmission for the purpose of maintaining consistency with regulations adopted by a federal regulatory agency and governing provisions similar to those contained in this chapter.

Section 5. (a)(1) The application for a license shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall contain the name and address or addresses where the business of the applicant is located and if the applicant is a partnership, association, corporation or other form of business organization, the names and addresses of each member, director and principal officer thereof, and any individual acting as a manager of a branch office location. Such application shall also include a description of the activities of the applicant, in such detail and for such periods as the commissioner may require, and such further information as the commissioner may require.

(2) The commissioner may require a background investigation of each applicant for a license to engage in the business of money transmission by means of fingerprint and state and national criminal history record checks by the department of criminal justice information services pursuant to section 172 of chapter 6 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. If the applicant is a partnership, association, corporation or other form of business organization, the commissioner may require such background investigation by means of fingerprint checks on each member, director, principal officer of such applicant, and any individual acting as a manager of a branch office, or a manager of a location from which an authorized delegate engages in money transmission. The commissioner may require a background investigation by means of state criminal history record checks by the department of criminal justice information services pursuant to section 172 of chapter 6 for a manager of a location from which an

authorized delegate engages in money transmission during an investigation or examination of a licensee. Receipt of criminal history record information by a private entity shall be prohibited.

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- (3) Each application for a license shall be accompanied by an investigation fee.

  Investigation and license fees shall be determined annually by the secretary of administration and finance under section 3B of chapter 7.
- (b) Upon the filing of an application for a license, if the commissioner finds that the financial responsibility, character, reputation, integrity and general fitness of the applicant, and of the partners or members thereof if the applicant is a partnership or association, and of the officers, directors and principal employees if the applicant is a corporation, are such as to warrant belief that the business will be operated honestly, fairly, soundly and efficiently in the public interest consistent with the purposes of this chapter, the commissioner shall thereupon issue the applicant a license to engage in the business of money transmission. The commissioner shall not issue a license and shall notify the applicant of the denial, if: (i) the applicant made a false statement of a material fact in the application for a license; (ii) an officer, director or member of the applicant business, or manager of a location from which the applicant's authorized delegate will engage in money transmission, has, within 10 years prior to the filing of the application: (A) been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony; or (B) committed an act involving fraud or deceit, which act is substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a person engaged in the business of money transmission; (iii) the applicant violated this chapter or regulations promulgated hereunder, any similar regulatory scheme of another jurisdiction or any other law applicable to the conduct of the business sought to be licensed; or (iv) a licensee or authorized delegate of a licensee located at the address at which the applicant intends to operate the business has had any license, registration or other authorization issued by

the commissioner suspended or revoked within 6 months of the date of the new application. Within 20 days thereafter, the commissioner shall enter upon the records a written decision and findings containing the reasons supporting the denial and shall forthwith give written notice thereof by registered mail to the applicant. Within 30 days after the date of such notice, the applicant may appeal from such denial to the superior court for Suffolk county, sitting in equity. The court shall hear all pertinent evidence and determine the facts and upon the facts as so determined, review said denial and, as justice and equity may require, affirm the same or order the commissioner to issue such license.

(c) The commissioner may participate in the NMLS for entities engaged in the business of money transmission. The commissioner may establish requirements for participation by an applicant in the NMLS, which may vary from the provisions of this section and section 6. The applicant shall pay directly to the NMLS any additional fee relating to participation in the NMLS.

Section 6. A license shall not be transferable or assignable and shall expire annually at such date as determined by the commissioner. The license may be renewed upon the filing of a renewal application in such form and containing all such information as the commissioner shall prescribe. The commissioner may refuse to renew a license for any reason that the commissioner may refuse to issue an initial license under section 5. The closing of a location of the licensee, including an authorized delegate location, or a change of location of the main address of the licensee, shall require notification to the commissioner in accordance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

If there shall be any change among the officers, partners or directors of any licensee, the licensee shall notify the commissioner of the name, address and occupation of each new officer, partner, or director and provide such other information as the commissioner may require in accordance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

Section 7. All money received for transmission by any licensee shall be forwarded to the person to whom the money is directed within 7 days following receipt thereof, unless the licensee has a reasonable belief or a reasonable basis to believe that the sender may be a victim of fraud or that a crime or violation of law, rule, or regulation has occurred, is occurring, or may occur. Receipts given for deposits of money received for transmission shall contain all appropriate information relative to the transaction, as determined by the commissioner.

Section 8. The commissioner may suspend or revoke a license issued pursuant to this chapter or order a licensee to revoke the designation of an authorized delegate if the commissioner finds that:

- (i) the licensee or an authorized delegate has violated this chapter or any rule or regulation adopted hereunder or any other law applicable to the conduct of its business; or
- (ii) a fact or condition exists which, if it had existed at the time of the original application for such license, would have warranted the commissioner in refusing to issue such license.

Except as provided in subsection (b) of section 9, no license shall be revoked or suspended except after notice and hearing pursuant to chapter 30A.

A licensee may surrender a license by delivering to the commissioner written notice that it surrenders the license; provided, however, that the surrender shall not affect the civil or criminal liability of the licensee for acts committed before the surrender.

No revocation, suspension or surrender of a license shall impair or affect the obligation of any preexisting lawful contract between the licensee, either directly or through an authorized delegate, and any person.

In lieu of suspension or revocation of a license issued hereunder, the commissioner may fine a licensee not more than \$500 per day for each violation.

Section 9. (a) If the commissioner determines, after giving notice of and opportunity for a hearing, that a licensee has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or practice constituting a violation of this chapter or a rule, regulation or order adopted hereunder, the commissioner may order the licensee to cease and desist from such unlawful act or practice and take such affirmative action as in the commissioner's judgment will effect the purposes of this chapter.

(b) If the commissioner makes written findings of fact that the public interest will be irreparably harmed by a delay in issuing an order pursuant to subsection (a), the commissioner may issue a temporary cease and desist order. Upon the entry of a temporary cease and desist order, the commissioner shall promptly notify, in writing, the licensee affected by the order that such order has been so entered, the reasons for the order, and that within 20 days after the receipt of a written request for a hearing from the licensee, the matter will be scheduled for such hearing to determine whether or not such temporary order shall become permanent and final. If no such hearing is requested and none is ordered by the commissioner, the order shall remain in effect until it is modified or vacated by the commissioner. If a hearing is requested or ordered, the

3685	commissioner, after giving notice of and opportunity for a hearing to the licensee subject to such
3686	order, shall, by written finding of facts and conclusions of law, vacate, modify or issue a
3687	permanent cease and desist order.
3688	(c) No order pursuant to this section, except an order issued pursuant to subsection (b),
3689	may be entered without prior notice and opportunity for a hearing. The commissioner may vacate
3690	or modify an order under this section upon a finding that the conditions which required the order
3691	have changed and that it is in the public interest to vacate or modify the order.
3692	(d) An order issued pursuant to this section shall be subject to review as provided in
3693	chapter 30A.
3694	Section 10. (a) The commissioner may issue an order suspending or revoking the
3695	designation of an authorized delegate, if the commissioner finds that:
3696	(i) the authorized delegate violated this chapter or a rule promulgated pursuant to this
3697	chapter;
3698	(ii) the authorized delegate engaged in fraud, intentional misrepresentation or gross
3699	negligence;
3700	(iii) the authorized delegate has been convicted of a violation of a state or federal anti-
3701	money laundering statute;
3702	(iv) the competence, experience, character or general fitness of the authorized delegate or
3703	a person in control of the authorized delegate indicates that it is not in the public interest to
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(v) the authorized delegate is engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice.

(b) An order issued pursuant to this section shall be subject to review as provided in chapter 30A.

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Section 11. A licensee or authorized delegate shall, when directed by the commissioner, permit the commissioner or a duly authorized representative to inspect its records and evidence of compliance with this chapter or any rule and regulation issued pursuant to this chapter and with any other law, rule and regulation applicable to the conduct of its business. The commissioner shall preserve a full record of each such examination of a licensee including a statement of its condition. All records of investigations and reports of examinations by the commissioner, including workpapers, information derived from such reports or responses to such reports, and any copies thereof in the possession of any licensee under the supervision of the commissioner, shall be confidential and privileged communications, shall not be subject to subpoena and shall not be a public record under clause twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4. For the purposes of this paragraph, records of investigation and reports of examinations shall include records of investigation and reports of examinations conducted by a financial regulatory agency of the federal government and any other state, and of any foreign government which are considered confidential by such agency or foreign government and which are in possession of the commissioner. In any proceeding before a court, the court may issue a protective order to seal the record protecting the confidentiality of any such record, and other than any such record on file with the court or filed in connection with the court proceeding, and the court may exclude the public from any portion of a proceeding at which any such record may be disclosed. Copies of such reports of examination shall be furnished to a licensee for its use only and shall not be exhibited to any other person, organization or agency without prior written approval by the commissioner. The commissioner may furnish to regulatory agencies of the federal government,

of other states, or of foreign countries, and any law enforcement agency, such information, reports, inspections and statements relating to the licensees under supervision of the division.

The commissioner, or an examiner or such others of the commissioner's assistants as may be designated by the commissioner, may summon the directors, officers or agents of a licensee, or any other witnesses, and examine them relative to the affairs, transactions and condition of the licensee, and, for that purpose, may administer oaths. Whoever, without justifiable cause, refuses to appear and testify when so required or obstructs the person making such examination in the performance of such duties, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year.

Section 12. The commissioner, if there is reason to believe that a person other than a licensee has violated this chapter, shall be authorized to make such investigations as the commissioner shall deem necessary and may examine such other person and shall compel the production of all relevant books, records, accounts and documents.

Section 13. A licensee shall annually, not later than a date to be determined by the commissioner, file a report with the commissioner containing such information as the commissioner may require concerning the business and operations during the preceding calendar year. A licensee neglecting to file such report or failing to amend the same within 15 days of notice from the commissioner directing the same shall, unless such neglect or failure is due to justifiable cause and not due to willful neglect, pay to the commonwealth \$50 for each day during which such neglect or failure continues.

A licensee shall periodically file, on dates determined by the commissioner, a report of its current authorized delegates in a form determined by the commissioner and containing such

information as the commissioner shall require, and including other information the NMLS may reasonably require with respect to the licensee. The commissioner may change or update the delegate reporting requirements to carry out the purposes of this chapter and to maintain consistency with NMLS licensing standards and practices.

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A licensee and its authorized delegates shall keep and use such business records in such form and at such location as the commissioner shall, by regulation, determine, which shall enable the commissioner to determine whether such licensee or authorized delegate is complying with this chapter and any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter by the commissioner and any other law, rule or regulation applicable to the conduct of the business for which it is licensed pursuant to this chapter. Each licensee shall ensure that all of its authorized delegates maintain books and records as required by the commissioner. Such regulations may contain provisions for the suspension or revocation of licenses for violations hereof and for such records to be recorded, copied or reproduced by photographic, photostatic, microfilm, microcard, miniature photographic, electronic, including, but not limited to, optical imaging, or other process which accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for reproducing the original record or document or in any other form or manner authorized by the commissioner; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to permit any such licensee to destroy original records or documents. Each such licensee shall preserve all such business records for as long a period as the commissioner shall prescribe by regulation. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, service of a subpoena for business records upon a licensee, delivered to an office of such licensee located within the commonwealth shall be deemed to have been served at the location, whether within or outside the commonwealth, where the original business records or documents are kept or maintained.

Section 14. The commissioner or an aggrieved party may enforce this chapter, or restrain any violations thereof, by filing a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction. A violation of this chapter or a rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter shall constitute a violation of chapter 93A.

Section 15. Whoever violates this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this chapter by the commissioner shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment in state prison for not more than 5 years, or both. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. This penalty shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other provision of law applicable to a licensee or other person for violating section 2 or any rule or regulation made thereunder.

Section 16. (a) Whenever the commissioner finds that any licensee or exempt person under section 3 has violated this chapter or any rule or regulation adopted thereunder, or any other law of the commonwealth applicable to the conduct of the business of money transmission, the commissioner may, by order, in addition to any other action authorized pursuant to this chapter or any rule or regulation made pursuant to this chapter, impose a penalty upon such person not more than \$5,000 for each violation, and not more than \$100,000 for such violation plus the costs of investigation. The commissioner may impose a penalty not more than \$5,000 for each violation of this chapter or any rule or regulation adopted thereunder by a person other than a licensee or exempt person under section 3, plus the costs of investigation.

(b) Nothing in this section shall limit the right of any individual or entity who has been injured as a result of any violation of this chapter by a licensee, or any person other than a

licensee or exempt person under section 3, to bring an action to recover damages or restitution in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) Any findings or order issued by the commissioner pursuant to this section shall be subject to review as provided in chapter 30A.

Section 17. (a) Whenever the commissioner determines that any person has, directly or indirectly, violated this chapter or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter, applicable to the conduct of the business of money transmission, or any order issued by the commissioner pursuant to this chapter or any written agreement entered between a licensee and the commissioner, the commissioner may serve upon such person a written notice of intention:

- (i) to prohibit such person from performing in the capacity of a principal employee on behalf of any licensee for such period of time that the commissioner deems necessary;
- (ii) to prohibit the person from applying for or obtaining a license from the commissioner for a period not greater than 36 months following the effective date of an order issued under subsection (b) or (c); or
- (iii) to prohibit such person from any further participation, in any manner, in the conduct of the business of money transmission in the commonwealth or to prohibit such person from being employed by, an authorized delegate of, or operating on behalf of a licensee under this chapter or any other business which requires a license from the commissioner.
- (b) A written notice issued pursuant to subsection (a) shall contain a written statement of the facts that support the prohibition and shall give notice of an opportunity for a hearing to be held thereon. The hearing shall be fixed for a date not later than 30 days after the date of service

upon the commissioner of such request for a hearing. If the person fails to submit a request for a hearing not later than 20 days of service of notice under subsection (a), or otherwise fails to appear in person or by a duly authorized representative, the party shall be deemed to have consented to the issuance of an order of such prohibition in accordance with the notice.

- (c) In the event of such consent pursuant to subsection (b), or if after a hearing the commissioner finds that any of the grounds specified in such notice have been established, the commissioner may issue an order of prohibition in accordance with subsection (a) as the commissioner finds appropriate.
- (d) An order issued pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) shall be effective upon service upon the person. The commissioner shall also serve a copy of the order upon the licensee of which the person is an employee or on whose behalf the person is performing. The order shall remain in effect and enforceable until it is modified, terminated, suspended or set aside by the commissioner or a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (e) Except as consented to in writing by the commissioner, any person who, pursuant to an order issued pursuant to subsection (b) or (c), has been prohibited from participating in whole or in part in the conduct of the business of money transmission in the commonwealth shall not, while such order is in effect, continue or commence to perform in the capacity of a principal employee, or otherwise participate in any manner, if so prohibited by order of the commissioner, in the conduct of the affairs of: (i) any licensee under this chapter; (ii) any other business which requires a license from the commissioner; or (iii) any bank, as defined under section 1 of chapter 167, or any subsidiary thereof.

Section 18. A surety bond, in an amount determined by the commissioner and in a form prescribed by the commissioner, to secure the faithful performance of the obligations of the licensee with respect to money transmission shall accompany an application for licensure. The aggregate liability on a surety bond may not exceed the principal sum of the bond. A claimant against a licensee may maintain an action on the bond, or the commissioner may maintain an action on behalf of the claimant.

Section 19. (a) A licensee engaged in the business of money transmission who intends to conduct licensed activities through the use of authorized delegates shall submit the names and addresses of such persons listed in the original application to the commissioner. There shall be an express written contract between the parties detailing the duties and responsibilities of each such authorized delegate.

- (b) A contract between a licensee and an authorized delegate shall require the authorized delegate to operate in full compliance with this chapter. The licensee shall furnish in a record to each authorized delegate policies and procedures sufficient to permit compliance with this chapter.
- (c) An authorized delegate shall remit all money owing to the licensee in accordance with the terms of the contract between the licensee and the authorized delegate.
- (d) An authorized delegate may not provide money transmission services outside the scope of activity permissible under the contract between the authorized delegate and the licensee.
- Section 20. (a) Except to the extent otherwise limited by the commissioner pursuant to this section, the following shall be considered permissible investments:

- 3858 (1) cash, a certificate of deposit or senior debt obligation of an insured depository
  3859 institution, as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. section 1813;
  - (2) any receivable owed by a bank and resulting from an automated clearinghouse, debit or credit-funded transmission;

- (3) banker's acceptance or bill of exchange that is eligible for purchase upon endorsement by a member bank of the Federal Reserve System and is eligible for purchase by a Federal Reserve Bank;
- (4) an investment bearing a rating of 1 of the 3 highest grades as defined by a nationally recognized organization that rates securities;
- (5) an investment security that is an obligation of the United States or a department, agency, or instrumentality thereof, an investment in an obligation that is guaranteed fully as to principal and interest by the United States or an investment in an obligation of a state or a governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof;
- (6) receivables that are payable to a licensee from its authorized delegate, in the ordinary course of business, pursuant to contracts which are not past due or doubtful of collection; provided, that a receivable shall be deemed to be past due or doubtful of collection if the money owed to the licensee is not remitted within 7 business days; and provided further, that the aggregate amount of receivables under this paragraph from any 1 person shall not comprise more than 10 per cent of the licensee's total permissible investments; and
- (7) a share or a certificate issued by an open-end management investment company that is registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment

Companies Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1-64 and whose portfolio is restricted by the management company's investment policy to investments specified in paragraphs (1) through (4).

- (b) The following investments shall be permissible, but only to the extent specified in this subsection:
- (1) an interest-bearing bill, note, bond or debenture of a person whose equity shares are traded on a national securities exchange or on a national over-the-counter market if the aggregate of investments under this paragraph does not exceed 20 per cent of the total permissible investments of a licensee and the licensee does not at 1 time hold investments under this paragraph in any 1 person aggregating more than 10 per cent of the licensee's total permissible investments;
- (2) a share of a person traded on a national securities exchange or a national over-the-counter market or a share or a certificate issued by an open-end management investment company that is registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Investment Companies Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1-64 and whose portfolio is restricted by the management company's investment policy to shares of a person traded on a national securities exchange or a national over-the-counter market if the aggregate of investments under this paragraph does not exceed 20 per cent of the total permissible investments of a licensee and the licensee does not at 1 time hold investments in any 1 person aggregating more than 10 per cent of the licensee's total permissible investments;
- (3) a demand-borrowing agreement made to a corporation or a subsidiary of a corporation whose securities are traded on a national securities exchange if the aggregate of the amount of

principal and interest outstanding under demand-borrowing agreements pursuant to this paragraph does not exceed 20 per cent of the total permissible investments of a licensee and the licensee does not at 1 time hold principal and interest outstanding under demand-borrowing agreements pursuant to this paragraph with any 1 person aggregating more than 10 per cent of the licensee's total permissible investments;

- (c) The aggregate of investments pursuant to subsection (b) may not exceed 50 per cent of the total permissible investments of a licensee calculated in accordance with section 21.
- (d) The commissioner may promulgate regulations to allow other types of investments that the commissioner determines are of sufficient liquidity and quality to be a permissible investment, to the extent specified by the commissioner.
- Section 21. (a) A licensee shall maintain at all times permissible investments that have a market value computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles of not less than the aggregate amount of all of its outstanding money transmission obligations.
- (b) The commissioner, with respect to any licensees, may limit the extent to which a type of investment within a class of permissible investments may be considered a permissible investment, except for money and certificates of deposit issued by a bank. The commissioner, by rule, may prescribe, or by order allow, other types of investments that the commissioner determines to have a safety standard substantially equivalent to other permissible investments.
- (c) Permissible investments, even if commingled with other assets of the licensee, shall be held in trust for the benefit of the purchasers and holders of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations in the event of bankruptcy or receivership of the licensee.

Section 22. (a) In order to carry out the purposes of this chapter, the commissioner may:

- (1) enter into agreements or relationships with other government officials or federal and state regulatory agencies and regulatory associations to improve efficiencies and reduce regulatory burden by standardizing methods or procedures, and sharing resources, records or related information obtained pursuant to this chapter;
- (2) use, hire, contract or employ analytical systems, methods or software to examine or investigate any person subject to this chapter; and
- (3) accept licensing, examination or investigation reports made by other state or federal government agencies or officials.
- (b) The commissioner may participate in the multistate supervisory processes established between states for all licensees that hold licenses in the commonwealth and other states. As a participant in multistate supervision, the commissioner may:
- (1) cooperate, coordinate and share information with other state and federal regulators in accordance with section 11;
- (2) enter into written cooperation, coordination or information-sharing contracts or agreements with organizations, the membership of which is made up of state or federal governmental agencies; and
- (3) cooperate, coordinate and share information with organizations, the membership of which is made up of state or federal governmental agencies; provided, that the organizations agree in writing to maintain the confidentiality and security of the shared information in accordance with section 11.

(c) Nothing in this section shall constitute a waiver of the commissioner's authority to conduct an examination or investigation or otherwise take independent action authorized by this chapter or any rule adopted or order issued pursuant to this chapter to enforce compliance with applicable state or federal law.

SECTION 116G. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 162Z and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 162Z. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Designated responsible producer" or "DRP", a person responsible for a limited lines travel insurance producer's compliance with travel insurance laws, rules and regulations.

"Limited lines travel insurance producer", a (i) licensed managing general agent or thirdparty administrator; (ii) licensed insurance producer, including a limited lines producer; or (iii) travel administrator.

"Offer and disseminate", to provide general information, including a description of the coverage and price, as well as processing an application for travel insurance and collecting premium payments.

"Travel administrator", a person who directly or indirectly underwrites, collects charges, collateral or premiums from or adjusts or settles claims on residents of the commonwealth in connection with travel insurance; provided, however, that a person shall not be considered a travel administrator if that person's only characteristic or action that would otherwise cause it to be considered a travel administrator is 1 of the following:

(i) a person working for a travel administrator to the extent that the person's activities are subject to the supervision and control of the travel administrator;

- (ii) an insurance producer selling insurance or engaged in administrative and claimsrelated activities within the scope of the producer's license;
- (iii) a travel retailer offering and disseminating travel insurance and registered under the license of a limited lines travel insurance producer in accordance with this section;
- (iv) an individual adjusting or settling claims in the normal course of that individual's practice or employment as an attorney-at-law and who does not collect charges or premiums in connection with insurance coverage; or
- (v) a business entity that is affiliated with a licensed insurer while acting as a travel administrator for the direct and assumed insurance business of an affiliated insurer.

"Travel insurance", insurance coverage for personal risks incidental to planned travel including: (i) an interruption or cancellation of trip or event; (ii) loss of baggage or personal effects; (iii) damages to accommodations or rental vehicles; (iv) sickness, accident, disability or death occurring during travel; (v) emergency evacuation; (vi) repatriation of remains; or (vii) any other contractual obligations to indemnify or pay a specified amount to the traveler upon determinable contingencies related to travel as approved by the commissioner; provided, however, that "travel insurance" shall not include major medical plans which provide comprehensive medical protection for travelers with trips lasting longer than 6 months, including, but not limited to, people working or residing overseas as an expatriate or any other product that requires a specific insurance producer license.

"Travel retailer", a business entity that makes, arranges or offers planned travel and may offer and disseminate travel insurance as a service to its customers on behalf of and under the direction of a limited lines travel insurance producer.

- (b)(1) The commissioner may issue to an individual or business entity a limited lines travel insurance producer license if that individual or business entity has filed an application for a limited lines travel insurance producer license with the commissioner in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. A limited lines travel insurance producer license shall authorize a limited lines travel insurance producer to sell, solicit or negotiate travel insurance through a licensed insurer. No person may act as a limited lines travel insurance producer or travel retailer unless properly licensed or registered, respectively.
- (2) A travel retailer may offer and disseminate travel insurance under a limited lines travel insurance producer license if the following conditions are met:
- (i) the limited lines travel insurance producer or travel retailer provides to purchasers of travel insurance: (A) a description of the material terms or the actual material terms of the insurance coverage; (B) a description of the process for filing a claim; (C) a description of the review or cancellation process for the travel insurance policy; and (D) the identity and contact information of the insurer and limited lines travel insurance producer;
- (ii) at the time of licensure, the limited lines travel insurance producer shall establish and maintain a register, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, of each travel retailer that offers travel insurance on the limited lines travel insurance producer's behalf; provided, however, that the register shall be maintained and updated annually by the limited lines travel insurance producer and shall include the name, address and contact information of the travel retailer, an

officer or person who directs or controls the travel retailer's operations and the travel retailer's federal tax identification number; provided further, that the limited lines travel insurance producer shall submit the register to the division of insurance upon reasonable request and shall certify that the travel retailer register complies with 18 U.S.C. section 1033; and provided further, that the grounds for the suspension, revocation and the penalties applicable to resident insurance producers under this chapter and chapter 176D shall be applicable to the limited lines travel insurance producers and travel retailers;

- (iii) the limited lines travel insurance producer has designated 1 of its employees, who is a licensed individual producer, as the DRP;
- (iv) the DRP, president, secretary, treasurer and any other officer or person who directs or controls the limited lines travel insurance producer's insurance operations shall comply with the fingerprinting requirements applicable to insurance producers in the resident state of the limited lines travel insurance producer;
- (v) the limited lines travel insurance producer has paid all applicable insurance producer licensing fees;
- (vi) the limited lines travel insurance producer requires each employee and authorized representative of the travel retailer, whose duties include offering and disseminating travel insurance, to receive a program of instruction or training, which may be subject, at the discretion of the commissioner, to review and approval by the commissioner; provided, however, that the training material shall, at a minimum, contain instructions on the types of insurance offered, ethical sales practices and required disclosures to prospective customers;

(c) Any travel retailer offering or disseminating travel insurance shall make available to prospective purchasers, brochures or other written materials that have been approved by the travel insurer. Such materials shall include information which, at a minimum: (i) provides the identity and contact information of the insurer and the limited lines travel insurance producer; (ii) explains that the purchase of travel insurance is not required in order to purchase any other product or service from the travel retailer; and (iii) explains that an unlicensed travel retailer is permitted to provide general information about the insurance offered by the travel retailer, including a description of the coverage and price, but is not qualified or authorized to answer technical questions about the terms and conditions of the insurance offered by the travel retailer or to evaluate the adequacy of the customer's existing insurance coverage.

- (d) A travel retailer's employee or authorized representative who is not licensed as a limited lines travel insurance producer shall not: (i) evaluate or interpret the technical terms, benefits and conditions of the offered travel insurance coverage; (ii) evaluate or provide advice concerning a prospective purchaser's existing insurance coverage; or (iii) hold oneself out as a licensed insurer, licensed producer or insurance expert.
- (e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a travel retailer, whose insurance-related activities, and those of its employees and authorized representatives, are limited to offering and disseminating travel insurance on behalf of and under the direction of a limited lines travel insurance producer who meets the conditions set forth in this section may receive related compensation, not in the form of commissions, upon registration by the limited lines travel insurance producer as described in subsection (b).

- 4049 (f) Travel insurance may be provided under an individual policy or under a group or 4050 blanket policy.
  - (g) As the insurer designee, the limited lines travel insurance producer shall be responsible for the acts of the travel retailer and shall use reasonable means to ensure compliance by the travel retailer with this section.
  - (h) Any person licensed in a major line of authority as an insurance producer may sell, solicit and negotiate travel insurance. A property and casualty insurance producer shall not be required to become appointed by an insurer in order to sell, solicit or negotiate travel insurance.

SECTION 117. Section 206 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of "Control", the following 2 definitions:-

"Division", the division of insurance.

"Enterprise risk", any activity, circumstance, event or series of events involving 1 or more affiliates of an insurer that, if not remedied promptly, is likely to have a material adverse effect upon the financial condition or liquidity of the insurer or its insurance holding company system as a whole, including, but not limited to, anything that would cause the insurer's risk-based capital to fall into company action level as set forth by the commissioner by regulation or would cause the insurer to be in hazardous financial condition as set forth in section 3 of chapter 175J.

SECTION 118. Said section 206 of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Group-wide supervisor", the following definition:-

"Group capital calculation instructions", the group capital calculation instructions as adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and as amended by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners from time to time in accordance with the procedures adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

SECTION 119. Said section 206 of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Internationally active insurance group", the following definition:-

"National Association of Insurance Commissioners liquidity stress test framework" or "Framework", a publication from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners that includes a history of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' development of regulatory liquidity stress testing, the scope criteria applicable for a specific data year and the liquidity stress test instructions and reporting templates for a specific data year, such scope criteria, instructions and reporting template as adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and as amended by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners from time to time in accordance with the procedures adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

SECTION 120. Said section 206 of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Person", the following definition:-

"Scope criteria", the designated exposure bases, along with minimum magnitudes thereof for the specified data year, used to establish a preliminary list of insurers considered scoped into the National Association of Insurance Commissioners liquidity stress test framework for that data year, as detailed in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners liquidity stress test framework.

SECTION 121. Subsection (d) of section 206C of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-

The definition of materiality in this subsection shall not apply for purposes of the group capital calculation or the liquidity stress test framework.

SECTION 122. Subsection (m) of said section 206C of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following 3 paragraphs:-

(6) if an insurer subject to the provisions of this section is deemed by the commissioner to be in a hazardous financial condition as described in section 3 of chapter 175J or a condition that would be grounds for supervision, conservation or a delinquency proceeding, the commissioner may require the insurer to secure and maintain either a deposit held by the commissioner or a bond, as determined by the insurer at the insurer's discretion, for the protection of the insurer for the duration of the contract or agreement, or the existence of the c1599-6073

ondition for which the commissioner required the deposit or the bond. In determining whether a deposit or a bond is required, the commissioner shall consider whether concerns exist with respect to the affiliated person's ability to fulfill the contract or agreement if the insurer were to be put into liquidation. Once the insurer is deemed to be in a hazardous financial condition or a condition that would be grounds for supervision, conservation or a delinquency proceeding and a deposit or bond is deemed necessary by the commissioner, the commissioner may determine the amount of the deposit or bond, not to exceed the value of the contract or

agreement in any one year, and whether such deposit or bond should be required for a single contract, multiple contracts or a contract only with a specific person;

(7) all records and data of the insurer held by an affiliate are and remain the property of the insurer, are subject to control of the insurer, are identifiable and are segregated or readily capable of segregation, at no additional cost to the insurer, from all other persons' records and data. This shall include all records and data that are otherwise the property of the insurer, in whatever form maintained, including, but not limited to, claims and claim files, policyholder lists, application files, litigation files, premium records, rate books, underwriting manuals, personnel records, financial records or similar records within the possession, custody or control of the affiliate. At the request of the insurer, the affiliate shall provide that the receiver can obtain a complete set of all records of any type that pertain to the insurer's business; obtain access to the operating systems on which the data is maintained; obtain the software that runs those systems either through assumption of licensing agreements or otherwise; and restrict the use of the data by the affiliate if it is not operating the insurer's business. The affiliate shall provide a waiver of any landlord lien or other encumbrance to give the insurer access to all records and data in the event of the affiliate's default under a lease or other agreement; and

(8) premiums or other funds belonging to the insurer that are collected by or held by an affiliate are the exclusive property of the insurer and are subject to the control of the insurer. Any right of offset in the event an insurer is placed into receivership shall be subject to sections 180A to 180L1/2, inclusive.

SECTION 123. Said section 206C of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after subsection (q) the following subsection:-

(q ½)(1) Any affiliate that is party to an agreement or contract with a domestic insurer that is subject to paragraph (4) of subsection (n) shall be subject to the jurisdiction of any supervision, seizure, conservatorship or receivership proceedings against the insurer and to the authority of any supervisor, conservator, rehabilitator or liquidator for the insurer appointed pursuant to sections 180A to 180L1/2, inclusive, for the purpose of interpreting, enforcing and overseeing the affiliate's obligations under the agreement or contract to perform services for the insurer that:

- (i) are an integral part of the insurer's operations, including, but not limited to management, administrative, accounting, data processing, marketing, underwriting, claims handling, investment or any other similar functions; or
  - (ii) are essential to the insurer's ability to fulfill its obligations under insurance policies.
- (2) The commissioner may require that an agreement or contract that is subject to paragraph (4) of subsection (n) for the provision of services described in clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1) of this subsection specify that the affiliate consents to the jurisdiction as set forth in this subsection.
- SECTION 124. Subsection (v) of said section 206C of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (1) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-
- (1) Documents, materials or other information in the possession or control of the division that are obtained by or disclosed to the commissioner or any other person in the course of an examination or investigation made pursuant to subsection (u) and all information reported or provided to the division pursuant to this section shall be recognized as being proprietary and

containing trade secrets, shall be confidential by law and privileged, shall not be a public record under clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 or under chapter 66, shall not be subject to subpoena and shall not be subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any private civil action; provided, however, that the commissioner may use the documents, materials or other information in the furtherance of any regulatory or legal action brought as a part of the commissioner's official duties. The commissioner shall not otherwise make the documents, materials or other information public without the prior written consent of the insurer to which it pertains unless the commissioner, after giving the insurer and its affiliates who would be affected thereby notice and opportunity to be heard, determines that the interest of policyholders, shareholders or the public shall be served by the publication thereof, in which event the commissioner may publish all or any part in such manner as may be considered appropriate.

- (i) For purposes of the information reported and provided to the division pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (z), the commissioner shall maintain the confidentiality of the group capital calculation and group capital ratio produced within the calculation and any group capital information received from an insurance holding company supervised by the Federal Reserve Board or any U.S. group-wide supervisor.
- (ii) For purposes of the information reported and provided to the division pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (z), the commissioner shall maintain the confidentiality of the liquidity stress test results and supporting disclosures and any liquidity stress test information received from an insurance holding company supervised by the Federal Reserve Board and non-U.S. group-wide supervisors.

SECTION 125. Said subsection (v) of said section 206C of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out paragraph (3) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

- (3) In order to assist in the performance of the commissioner's duties, the commissioner:
- (i) may share documents, materials or other information, including the confidential and privileged documents, materials or information subject to paragraph (1) of this subsection, including proprietary and trade secret documents with other state, federal and international regulatory agencies, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries, the International Association of Insurance Supervisors, the Bank for International Settlements, the Federal Insurance Office and state, federal and international law enforcement authorities, including members of any supervisory college described in subsection (x); provided, that the recipient agrees in writing to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of the document, material or other information and has verified in writing the legal authority to maintain confidentiality;
- (ii) may receive documents, materials or information, including otherwise confidential and privileged documents, materials or information, including proprietary and trade-secret information from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries, the International Association of Insurance Supervisors, the Bank for International Settlements, the Federal Insurance Office and from regulatory and law enforcement officials of other foreign or domestic jurisdictions and shall maintain as confidential and privileged any document, material or information received with notice or the understanding that it is

confidential or privileged under the laws of the jurisdiction that is the source of the document, material or information; and

- (iii) shall enter into written agreements with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and any third-party consultant designated by the commissioner governing sharing and the use of information provided pursuant to this subsection that shall:
- (A) specify procedures and protocols regarding the confidentiality and security of information shared with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and any third-party consultant designated by the commissioner pursuant to this section, including procedures and protocols for sharing by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners with other state, federal or international regulators;
- (B) provide within the agreement that the recipient agrees in writing to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of the documents, materials or other information and has verified in writing the legal authority to maintain such confidentiality;
- (C) specify that ownership of information shared with the National Association of
  Insurance Commissioners or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner pursuant to
  this section remains with the commissioner and the National Association of Insurance
  Commissioners or the third-party consultant, and that use of the information is subject to the
  direction of the commissioner;
- (D) excluding documents, materials or information reported pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (z), prohibit the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner pursuant to this section from storing the information

shared pursuant to this section in a permanent database after the underlying analysis is completed;

- (E) require prompt notice to be given to an insurer whose confidential information is in the possession of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner pursuant to this section and is subject to a request or subpoena to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner for disclosure or production;
- (F) require the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner pursuant to this section to consent to intervention by an insurer in any judicial or administrative action in which the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or the third-party consultant may be required to disclose confidential information about the insurer shared with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or the third-party consultant; and
- (G) for documents, material or information reporting pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (z), in the case of an agreement involving a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner pursuant to this section, provide for notification of the identity of the consultant to the applicable insurers.
- SECTION 126. Said subsection (v) of said section 206C of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-
- (7) The group capital calculation and resulting group capital ratio required pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (z) and the liquidity stress test along with its results and supporting disclosures required pursuant to paragraph (3) of said subsection (z) shall be regulatory tools for

assessing group risks and capital adequacy and group liquidity risks, respectively, and are not intended as a means to rank insurers or insurance holding company systems generally. Except as otherwise may be required pursuant to this section, the making, publishing, disseminating, circulating or placing before the public in a newspaper, magazine or other publication, or in the form of a notice, circular, pamphlet, letter or poster, or over any radio or television station or any electronic means of communication available to the public, or in any other way as an advertisement, announcement or statement containing a representation or statement with regard to the group capital calculation, group capital ratio, the liquidity stress test results or supporting disclosures for the liquidity stress test of any insurer or any insurer group, or of any component derived in the calculation by any insurer, broker, or other person engaged in any manner in the insurance business shall be deemed misleading and shall be prohibited; provided, however, that if any materially false statement with respect to the group capital calculation, resulting group capital ratio, an inappropriate comparison of any amount to an insurer's or insurance group's capital calculation or resulting group capital ratio, liquidity stress test result, supporting disclosures for the liquidity stress test or an inappropriate comparison of any amount to an insurer's or insurance group's liquidity stress test result or supporting disclosures is published in any written publication and the insurer is able to demonstrate to the commissioner with substantial proof the falsity of such statement or the inappropriateness, the insurer may publish announcements in a written publication if the sole purpose of the announcement is to rebut the materially false statement.

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SECTION 127. Said section 206C of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

(z)(1) The ultimate controlling person of every insurer subject to registration shall also file an annual enterprise risk report. The report shall, to the best of the ultimate controlling person's knowledge and belief, identify the material risks within the insurance holding company system that could pose enterprise risk to the insurer. The report shall be filed with the lead state commissioner of the insurance holding company system as determined by the procedures within the financial analysis handbook adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

- (2) Except as otherwise provided by this paragraph, the ultimate controlling person of every insurer subject to registration pursuant to this section shall concurrently file with the registration statement an annual group capital calculation as directed by the lead state commissioner. The report shall be completed in accordance with the National Association of Insurance Commissioner's group capital calculation instructions, which may permit the lead state commissioner to allow a controlling person that is not the ultimate controlling person to file the group capital calculation. The report shall be filed with the lead state commissioner of the insurance holding company system as determined by the commissioner in accordance with the procedures within the financial analysis handbook adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Insurance holding company systems described below are exempt from filing the group capital calculation:
- (i) An insurance holding company system that has only 1 insurer within its holding company structure, that only writes business and is only licensed in its domestic state and assumes no business from any other insurer;

- (ii) An insurance holding company system that is required to perform a group capital calculation specified by the United States Federal Reserve Board. The lead state commissioner shall request the calculation from the Federal Reserve Board under the terms of information sharing agreements in effect. If the Federal Reserve Board cannot share the calculation with the lead state commissioner, the insurance holding company system is not exempt from the group capital calculation filing;
- (iii) An insurance holding company system whose non-United States group-wide supervisor is located within a reciprocal jurisdiction as described in section 20A that recognizes the United States regulatory approach to group supervision and group capital; and
  - (iv) An insurance holding company system:

- (A) That provides information to the lead state that meets the requirements for accreditation under the National Association of Insurance Commissioners financial standards and accreditation program, either directly or indirectly through the group-wide supervisor, who has determined such information is satisfactory to allow the lead state to comply with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners group supervision approach, as detailed in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners financial analysis handbook; and
- (B) Whose non-United States group-wide supervisor that is not in a reciprocal jurisdiction recognizes and accepts, as specified by the commissioner in regulation, the group capital calculation as the world-wide group capital assessment for United States insurance groups who operate in that jurisdiction.
- (3)(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, a lead state commissioner shall require the group capital calculation for United States

operations of any non-United States based insurance holding company system where, after any necessary consultation with other supervisors or officials, it is deemed appropriate by the lead state commissioner for prudential oversight and solvency monitoring purposes or for ensuring the competitiveness of the insurance marketplace.

- (ii) Notwithstanding the exemptions from filing the group capital calculation stated in clauses (i) to (iv), inclusive, of paragraph (2), the lead state commissioner shall have the discretion to exempt the ultimate controlling person from filing the annual group capital calculation or to accept a limited group capital filing or report in accordance with criteria as specified by the commissioner in regulation.
- (iii) If the lead state commissioner determines that an insurance holding company system no longer meets 1 or more of the requirements for an exemption from filing the group capital calculation under this subsection, the insurance holding company system shall file the group capital calculation at the next annual filing date unless given an extension by the lead state commissioner based on reasonable grounds shown.
- (4) The ultimate controlling person of every insurer subject to registration pursuant to this section and scoped into the National Association of Insurance Commissioners liquidity stress test Framework shall file the results of a specific year's liquidity stress test. The filing shall be made to the lead state insurance commissioner of the insurance holding company system as determined by the procedures within the financial analysis handbook adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.
- (i) The National Association of Insurance Commissioners liquidity stress test Framework includes scope criteria applicable to a specific data year. The scope criteria are reviewed at least

annually by the financial stability task force or its successor. Any change to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners liquidity stress test framework or to the data year for which the scope criteria are to be measured shall be effective on January 1 of the year following the calendar year when such changes are adopted. Insurers meeting at least 1 threshold of the scope criteria are considered scoped into the National Association of Insurance Commissioners liquidity stress test framework for the specified data year unless the lead state insurance commissioner, in consultation with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners financial stability task force or its successor, determines the insurer should not be scoped into the scope criteria are considered scoped out of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners liquidity stress test framework for the specified data year, unless the lead state insurance commissioner, in consultation with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners financial stability task force or its successor, determines the insurer should be scoped into the framework for that data year.

- (A) The lead state insurance commissioner, in consultation with the financial stability task force or its successor, shall take into consideration how best to avoid having insurers scoped in and out of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners liquidity stress test framework on a frequent basis as part of the determination for an insurer.
- (ii) The performance of, and filing of the results from, a specific year's liquidity stress test shall comply with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners liquidity stress test framework's instructions and reporting templates for that year and any lead state insurance commissioner determinations, in consultation with the financial stability task force or its successor, provided within the framework.

4350	SECTION 127A. The General Laws are hereby further amended by inserting after
4351	chapter 175M the following chapter:-
4352	Chapter 175N.
4353	TRAVEL INSURANCE.
4354	Section 1. (a) This chapter shall apply to travel insurance that covers any resident of the
4355	commonwealth and is sold, solicited, negotiated or offered in the commonwealth and policies
4356	and certificates that are delivered or issued for delivery in the commonwealth; provided, that this
4357	chapter shall not apply to cancellation fee waivers or travel assistance services, except as
4358	expressly provided herein.
4359	(b) All other applicable provisions of the commonwealth's insurance laws shall apply to
4360	travel insurance; provided, that the specific provisions of this chapter shall supersede any general
4361	provisions of law that would otherwise be applicable to travel insurance.
4362	Section 2. As used in this chapter, the following words shall, unless the context clearly
4363	requires otherwise, have the following meanings:
4364	"Aggregator site", a website that provides access to information regarding insurance
4365	products from more than 1 insurer, including product and insurer information, for use in
4366	comparison shopping.
4367	"Blanket travel insurance", a policy of travel insurance issued to any eligible group
4368	providing coverage for specific classes of persons defined in the policy with coverage provided
4369	to all members of the eligible group without a separate charge to individual members of the

eligible group.

"Cancellation fee waiver", a contractual agreement between a supplier of travel services and its customer to waive some or all of the non-refundable cancellation fee provisions of the supplier's underlying travel contract with or without regard to the reason for the cancellation or form of reimbursement; provided, however, that a cancellation fee waiver shall not be considered insurance.

"Commissioner", the commissioner of insurance.

"Eligible group", solely for the purposes of travel insurance, 2 or more persons who are engaged in a common enterprise, or have an economic, educational or social affinity or relationship including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- (i) any entity engaged in the business of providing travel or travel services including, but not limited to: tour operators, lodging providers, vacation property owners, hotels and resorts, travel clubs, travel agencies, property managers, cultural exchange programs and common carriers or the operator, owner or lessor of a means of transportation of passengers including, but not limited to, airlines, cruise lines, railroads, steamship companies and public bus carriers, wherein with regard to any particular travel or type of travel or travelers, all members or customers of the group shall have a common exposure to risk attendant to such travel;
- (ii) any college, school or other institution of learning covering students, teachers, employees or volunteers;
- (iii) any employer covering any group of employees, volunteers, contractors, board of directors, dependents or guests;

- 4391 (iv) any sports team or camp or sponsor thereof, covering participants, members, 4392 campers, employees, officials, supervisors or volunteers; 4393 (v) any religious, charitable, recreational, educational or civic organization or branch 4394 thereof, covering any group of members, participants or volunteers; 4395 (vi) any financial institution or financial institution vendor, or parent holding company, 4396 trustee, or agent of or designated by 1 or more financial institutions or financial institution 4397 vendors, including accountholders, credit card holders, debtors, guarantors or purchasers; 4398 (vii) any incorporated or unincorporated association including, labor unions, having a 4399 common interest, constitution and bylaws and organized and maintained in good faith for 4400 purposes other than obtaining insurance for members or participants of such association covering 4401 its members; 4402 (viii) any trust or the trustees of a fund established, created or maintained for the benefit 4403 of and covering members, employees or customers, subject to the commissioner's permitting the 4404 use of a trust and the commonwealth's premium tax provisions in section 3 of 1 or more 4405 associations meeting the requirements of paragraph (vii); 4406 (ix) any entertainment production company covering any group of participants, 4407 volunteers, audience members, contestants or workers; 4408 (x) any volunteer fire department, ambulance, rescue, police, court or any first aid, civil
  - (xi) any preschool, daycare institution for children or adults or senior citizen club;

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defense or other such volunteer group;

(xii) any automobile or truck rental or leasing company covering a group of individuals
who may become renters, lessees or passengers defined by their travel status on the rented or
leased vehicles; provided, that the common carrier, the operator, owner or lessor of a means of
transportation or the automobile or truck rental or leasing company is the policyholder under a
policy to which this chapter applies; or

(xiii) any other group where the commissioner has determined that the members are engaged in a common enterprise, or have an economic, educational or social affinity or relationship and that issuance of the policy would not be contrary to the public interest.

"Fulfillment materials", documentation sent to the purchaser of a travel protection plan confirming the purchase and providing the travel protection plan's coverage and assistance details.

"Group travel insurance", travel insurance issued to any eligible group.

"Limited lines travel insurance producer", a (i) licensed managing general agent or thirdparty administrator; (ii) licensed insurance producer including, a limited lines producer, designated by an insurer as the travel insurance supervising entity under subsection (g) of section 162Z of chapter 175; or (iii) travel administrator.

"Offer and disseminate", to provide general information including, a description of the coverage and price, as well as processing the application, collecting premiums and performing other permitted non-licensable activities.

"Primary certificate holder", specific to section 3, an individual person who elects and purchases travel insurance under a group policy.

	"Primary policyholder", specific to section 3, an individual person who elects and
pi	chases individual travel insurance.

"Travel administrator", a person who directly or indirectly underwrites, collects charges, collateral or premiums from or adjusts or settles claims on residents of the commonwealth, in connection with travel insurance; provided, that a person shall not be considered a travel administrator if that person's only characteristics or actions that would otherwise cause it to be considered a travel administrator are 1 of the following:

- (i) a person working for a travel administrator to the extent that the person's activities are subject to the supervision and control of the travel administrator;
- (ii) an insurance producer selling insurance or engaged in administrative and claimsrelated activities within the scope of the producer's license;
- (iii) a travel retailer offering and disseminating travel insurance and registered under the license of a limited lines travel insurance producer in accordance with said section 162Z of said chapter 175;
- (iv) an individual adjusting or settling claims in the normal course of that individual's practice or employment as an attorney-at-law and who does not collect charges or premiums in connection with insurance coverage; or
- (v) a business entity that is affiliated with a licensed insurer while acting as a travel administrator for the direct and assumed insurance business of an affiliated insurer.
- "Travel assistance services", non-insurance services for which the consumer is not indemnified based on a fortuitous event, and where providing the service does not result in

transfer or shifting of risk that would constitute the business of insurance. Travel assistance services shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) security advisories; (ii) destination information; (iii) vaccination and immunization information services; (iv) travel reservation services; (v) entertainment; (vi) activity and event planning; (vii) translation assistance; (viii) emergency messaging; (ix) international legal and medical referrals; (x) medical case monitoring; (xi) coordination of transportation arrangements; (xii) emergency cash transfer assistance; (xiii) medical prescription replacement assistance; (xiv) passport and travel document replacement assistance; (xv) lost luggage assistance; (xvi) concierge services; and (xvii) any other service that is furnished in connection with planned travel. Travel assistance services shall not be considered insurance or related to insurance.

"Travel insurance", insurance coverage for personal risks incidental to planned travel including, but not limited to: (i) an interruption or cancellation of trip or event; (ii) loss of baggage or personal effects; (iii) damages to accommodations or rental vehicles; (iv) sickness, accident, disability or death occurring during travel; (v) emergency evacuation; (vi) repatriation of remains; or (vii) any other contractual obligations to indemnify or pay a specified amount to the traveler upon determinable contingencies related to travel as approved by the commissioner; provided, however, that "travel insurance" shall not include major medical plans which provide comprehensive medical protection for travelers with trips lasting longer than 6 months, including, for example, people working or residing overseas as an expatriate, or any other product that requires a specific insurance producer license.

"Travel protection plans", plans that provide 1 or more of the following: travel insurance, travel assistance services and cancellation fee waivers.

"Travel retailer", a business entity that makes, arranges or offers travel services and may offer and disseminate travel insurance as a service to its customers on behalf of and under the direction of a limited lines travel insurance producer.

- Section 3. (a) A travel insurer shall pay a premium tax, as provided in section 22 of chapter 63, on travel insurance premiums paid by any of the following:
  - (i) an individual primary policyholder who is a resident of the commonwealth;
- (ii) a primary certificate holder who is a resident of the commonwealth who elects coverage under a group travel insurance policy; or
- (iii) a blanket travel insurance policyholder who is a resident, or has its principal place of business or the principal place of business of an affiliate or subsidiary that has purchased blanket travel insurance, in the commonwealth for eligible blanket group members, subject to any apportionment rules which apply to the insurer across multiple taxing jurisdictions or that permit the insurer to allocate premium on an apportioned basis in a reasonable and equitable manner in those jurisdictions.
- (b) A travel insurer shall: (i) document the state of residence or principal place of business of the policyholder or certificate holder, as required pursuant to subsection (a); and (ii) report as premium only the amount allocable to travel insurance and not any amounts received for travel assistance services or cancellation fee waivers.
- Section 4. Travel protection plans may be offered for 1 price for the combined features
  that the travel protection plan offers in the commonwealth if:

(i) the travel protection plan clearly discloses to the consumer, at or prior to the time of purchase, that it includes travel insurance, travel assistance services and cancellation fee waivers, as applicable, and provides information and an opportunity, at or prior to the time of purchase, for the consumer to obtain additional information regarding the features and pricing of each; and

- (ii) the fulfillment materials: (A) describe and delineate the travel insurance, travel assistance services and cancellation fee waivers in the travel protection plan; and (B) include the travel insurance disclosures and the contact information for persons providing travel assistance services and cancellation fee waivers, as applicable.
- Section 5. (a) All persons offering travel insurance to residents of the commonwealth shall be subject to chapter 176D, except as otherwise provided in this section. In the event of a conflict between this chapter and other provisions of this chapter regarding the sale and marketing of travel insurance and travel protection plans, this chapter shall control.
- (b) Offering or selling a travel insurance policy that could never result in payment of any claims for any insured under the policy shall be an unfair trade practice under said chapter 176D.
- (c)(1) All documents provided to consumers prior to the purchase of travel insurance including, but not limited to, sales materials, advertising materials and marketing materials, shall be consistent with the travel insurance policy itself including, but not limited to, forms, endorsements, policies, rate filings and certificates of insurance.
- (2) For travel insurance policies or certificates that contain pre-existing condition exclusions, information and an opportunity to learn more about the pre-existing condition exclusions shall be provided any time prior to the time of purchase, and in the coverage's fulfillment materials.

(3) The fulfillment materials and the information described in clause (i) of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of said section 162Z of said chapter 175 shall be provided to a policyholder or certificate holder as soon as practicable, following the purchase of a travel protection plan.

Unless the insured has either started a covered trip or filed a claim under the travel insurance coverage, a policyholder or certificate holder may cancel a policy or certificate for a full refund of the travel protection plan price from the date of purchase of a travel protection plan until at least: (i) 15 days following the date of delivery of the travel protection plan's fulfillment materials by postal mail; or (ii) 10 days following the date of delivery of the travel protection plan's fulfillment materials by means other than postal mail. For the purposes of this section, delivery shall mean handing fulfillment materials to the policyholder or certificate holder or sending fulfillment materials by postal mail or electronic means to the policyholder or certificate holder.

- (4) The company shall disclose in the policy documentation and fulfillment materials whether the travel insurance is primary or secondary to other applicable coverage.
- (5) Where travel insurance is marketed directly to a consumer through an insurer's website or by others through an aggregator site, it shall not be an unfair trade practice or other violation of law if an accurate summary or short description of coverage is provided on the web page; provided, that the consumer has access to the full provisions of the policy through electronic means.
- (d) No person offering, soliciting or negotiating travel insurance or travel protection plans on an individual or group basis may do so by using negative option or opt out, which would

require a consumer to take an affirmative action to deselect coverage, such as unchecking a box on an electronic form when the consumer purchases a trip.

- (e) It shall be an unfair trade practice pursuant to said chapter 176D to market blanket travel insurance coverage as free.
- (f) Where a consumer's destination jurisdiction requires insurance coverage, it shall not be an unfair trade practice pursuant to said chapter 176D to require that a consumer choose between the following options as a condition of purchasing a trip or travel package: (i) purchasing the coverage required by the destination jurisdiction through the travel retailer or limited lines travel insurance producer supplying the trip or travel package; or (ii) agreeing to obtain and provide proof of coverage that meets the destination jurisdiction's requirements prior to departure.
- Section 6. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, no person shall act or represent itself as a travel administrator for travel insurance in the commonwealth unless that person:
- (i) is a licensed property and casualty insurance producer in the commonwealth for activities permitted under that producer license;
  - (ii) holds a valid managing general agent license in the commonwealth; or
  - (3) holds a valid third-party administrator license in the commonwealth.
- (b) An insurer shall be responsible for the acts of a travel administrator administering travel insurance underwritten by the insurer, and shall be responsible for ensuring that the travel

administrator maintains all books and records relevant to the insurer to be made available by the travel administrator to the commissioner upon request.

Section 7. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, travel insurance shall be classified and filed for purposes of rates and forms under an inland marine line of insurance; provided, however, that travel insurance that provides coverage for sickness, accident, disability or death occurring during travel, either exclusively, or in conjunction with related coverages of emergency evacuation, repatriation of remains or incidental limited property and casualty benefits such as baggage or trip cancellation, may be filed under either an accident and health line of insurance or an inland marine line of insurance.

(b) Eligibility and underwriting standards for travel insurance may be developed and provided based on travel protection plans designed for individual or identified marketing or distribution channels; provided, that those standards shall meet the commonwealth's underwriting standards for inland marine.

Section 8. The commissioner may promulgate regulations to implement this chapter.

SECTION 127B. Section 1 of chapter 176J of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 201, the words "travel insurance;".

SECTION 127C. Said section 1 of said chapter 176J, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 208 through 219, inclusive, the words "Travel insurance for the purpose of this chapter is insurance coverage for personal risks incident to planned travel, including but not limited to: (i) interruption or cancellation of trip or event; (ii) loss of baggage or personal effects; (iii) damages to accommodations or rental vehicles; or (iv) sickness, accident, disability or death occurring during travel, provided that the health benefits are not

offered on a stand-alone basis and are incidental to other coverages. The term, "travel insurance" shall not include major medical plans, which provide comprehensive medical protection for travelers with trips lasting 6 months or longer, including for example, those working overseas as an ex-patriot or military personnel being deployed.

SECTION 128. Subsection (a) of section 60 of chapter 46 of the acts of 2013 is hereby amended by inserting after the words "in fiscal year 2018" the following words:- and each fiscal year thereafter.

SECTION 129. Sections 46, 48, 61, 63 and 124A of chapter 287 of the acts of 2014, as most recently amended by section 26 of chapter 99 of the acts of 2018, are hereby repealed.

SECITON 129A. Item 7002-0010 of section 2 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Kingston", the second time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2023.

SECTION 129B. Item 8000-0313 of said section 2 of said chapter 24 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "efforts", the first time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2023.

SECTION 129C. Item 8000-0313 of said section 2 of said chapter 24 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "2020", the first time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2023.

SECTION 129D. Item 1599-2023 of section 2A of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by adding the following words:-; and provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the coordination teams for triage

treatment and service supports; and provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for post-treatment supportive housing.

SECTION 130. Section 2 of chapter 42 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out item 4003-0100 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

SECTION 131. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of conservation and recreation is authorized to amend and extend for a 30-year period the existing lease authorized under chapter 287 of the acts of 1977.

SECTION 132. (a) The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, established in section 33 of chapter 190 of the acts of 1982, shall update and supplement the report entitled "BCEC Expansion 2019 Project Report", dated January 2020, to account for changes in the convention, venue management and hospitality industry that have developed since January 2020, including, but not limited to, changes resulting from the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, and subsequent variants, and shall file the same with the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies and the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight; provided, that the update and supplement shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the following: (i) the competitiveness of the city of Boston and the commonwealth nationally and globally as a destination for conventions, gatherings and similar public meetings; (ii) the needs of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center to accommodate conventions, gatherings and public meetings; (iii) how conventions, gatherings and public meetings will take place going forward, including safety and public health

considerations for COVID-19 and possible future public health crises; and (iv) technology, air filtration and any other physical plant enhancements.

(b) The filing by the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority of the update and supplement described in subsection (a) shall constitute authorization by the general court and full compliance with section 38N of chapter 190 of the acts of 1982, as amended, with respect to any capital facility project undertaken by the authority in connection with this study.

SECTION 133. (a) The state treasurer, the state auditor and the mayor of Boston shall jointly study and report on the feasibility of the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of the land and improvements comprising the Hynes convention center or any interest therein, to determine whether it would be in the best interest of the commonwealth to retain the Hynes convention center, and shall make recommendations on attracting more business and events to the Hynes convention center. The study shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the economic effects on the property of a sale, lease, transfer or other disposition; (ii) the economic effects on the businesses of the Back Bay neighborhood of the city of Boston of a sale, lease, transfer or other disposition; (iii) the economic effects on the city of Boston of a sale, lease, transfer or other disposition; (iv) the number of jobs that might be lost as a result of a sale, lease, transfer or other disposition; (v) plans to mitigate the effects of jobs lost as a result of a sale, lease, transfer or other disposition; and (vi) the economic effects the current operation of the Hynes convention center has to the Back Bay neighborhood, the city of Boston and the commonwealth.

(b) The report shall be filed with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies not later than December 31, 2022.

SECTION 133A. (a) A license issued pursuant to chapter 169 of the General Laws or section 4 of chapter 167F of the General Laws, including all authorized delegate location designations, that is in effect immediately before the effective date of this act shall remain in force as a license under said chapter 169 or said section 4 of said chapter 167F. Such licensees shall file a renewal application in accordance with section 6 of chapter 169B of the General Laws, as inserted by section 116F.

- (b) Any person that was not required to obtain a license pursuant to chapter 169 of the General Laws or pursuant to section 4 of chapter 167F of the General Laws, but that is now required to obtain a license under chapter 169B of the General Laws shall file an application for a license within 6 months of the effective date of this act to continue conducting money transmission in the commonwealth directly or through authorized delegates. If such application is timely filed and pending with the commissioner, that person may continue to conduct money transmission in the commonwealth, until such time as the application has been approved, withdrawn or denied.
- (c) All authorized delegate designations under section 4 of chapter 167F of the General Laws shall be deemed in compliance with this chapter.

SECTION 133B. (a) The department of elementary and secondary education shall, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, implement a 5-year pilot program to develop a process for granting educator certification that may be used as an alternative to the testing requirements in section 38G of chapter 71 of the General Laws. The program shall allow candidates for certification to earn an initial preliminary certification that may lead to permanent certification after 4 years of teaching experience during which the candidate for licensure demonstrates

teacher proficiency as measured by student growth scores and other factors, as determined by the department.

- (b) The alternative certification process may allow for waiver of not more than 1 of the 2 testing requirements pursuant to said section 38G of said chapter 71, per candidate, and shall include consideration of factors including, but not limited to, whether a candidate has: (i) obtained certification in another state approved by the department; (ii) completed a satisfactory portfolio of items that may include student feedback or competency-based projects; or (iii) obtained a master's degree or doctorate from an accredited institution.
- (c) The department shall limit the hiring of candidates alternatively certified pursuant to this section to those public school districts and charter schools that the department certified as having demonstrated 1 of the following characteristics: (i) a demographic disparity between the district's student population and its teaching workforce; (ii) a shortage of teachers to serve English language learners; or (iii) a critical need to fill teacher vacancies. The department shall not allow any district to fill more than 10 per cent of its teaching positions with educators alternatively certified.
- (d) The department may use the results of the alternative assessment pilot authorized by subsection (e) of 603 CMR 7.04 to inform the development of the alternative licensure process required by this section.
- (e) The department shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the pilot program and the use of the alternative certification process during the pilot period. The evaluation shall include: (i) a measurement of student impacts as measured by student growth and other factors;

(ii) an assessment of progress made in diversifying the educator workforce; and (iii) an assessment of the impacts on candidates of diverse backgrounds.

SECTION 134. (a) There is hereby established a CTE Funding Commission to study funding options for career technical education, or CTE, programs. The commission shall consist of: (i) 4 representatives from the department of elementary and secondary education, to be appointed by the deputy commissioner of the office of career technical education established in section 37 of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as inserted by section 97; provided, that 1 appointee shall be the secretary of education or a designee, who shall serve as chair; and (ii) 3 representatives of the executive office of labor and workforce development, to be appointed by the secretary of labor and workforce development. The commission shall identify funding options for changing market needs. This commission shall make recommendations, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) whether the Massachusetts School Building Authority may make expenditures on equipment, or whether it is limited to funding for education structures;
- (2) whether the Massachusetts School Building Authority should add incentives for the approved educational spaces created pursuant to chapter 74 of the General Laws in programs that align to labor market demand;
- (3) methods to simplify state law, including, but not limited to, section 16 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, in order for all regional school districts to be able to secure bonding for critical capital projects through the district-wide referendum process outlined in subsection (n) of said section 16 of said chapter 71;

(4) language changes in subsection (d) of said section 16 of said chapter 71 to allow all regional school districts the option to secure project bonding approval upon a 2/3 vote of approval of each legislative body of a municipality comprising the district; and

- (5) any other recommendations relative to CTE funding at the commission's discretion.
- (b) The commission shall submit a report, including the findings of the study and any recommendations, and including proposed legislation, not later than July 31, 2023.

SECTION 134A. (a) There shall be a commission to study and report on the feasibility and potential benefits of procuring large-scale energy storage through contracts to assist the commonwealth in meeting its climate change goals. The study shall include, but not be limited to: (i) an assessment of current utilization of large-scale energy storage in the ISO-NE control area and total available capacity; (ii) an examination of current ISO-NE market rules with regards to large-scale energy storage; (iii) an analysis of cost benefits to ratepayers of the commonwealth, if any, of pairing large-scale energy storage with long-term contracts procured under sections 83C and 83D of chapter 285 of the acts of 2016; and (iv) an analysis of benefits to energy demand if large-scale energy storage is paired.

(b) The commission shall consist of the secretary of energy and environmental affairs, or a designee, who shall be chair; the commissioner of energy resources, or a designee; the chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy; the chairperson of the department of public utilities, or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts clean energy center, or a designee; and the following members who shall be appointed by the chair of the commission: 1 representative from an environmental organization; 1 representative from a pumped hydropower storage facility; and 1 representative from an electric distribution company.

(c) The commission shall file a report of its findings and recommendations together with
proposed legislation, if any, with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the
chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy and the chairs of the
house and senate committees on ways and means.

SECTION 135. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Net patient service revenue", the sum of inpatient and outpatient net patient service revenue for fiscal year 2020 as published by the center for health information and analysis in April 2022 in its databook titled Massachusetts Hospital Profiles.

"Net patient service revenue adjustment", an amount equal to a hospital's net patient service revenue: (i) multiplied by 1, in the case of a tier 1 hospital; (ii) multiplied by 2 in the case of a tier 2 hospital; (iii) multiplied by 3 in the case of a tier 3 hospital; and (iv) multiplied by 4 in the case of a tier 4 hospital.

"Public payer mix", the public payer mix for fiscal year 2020 calculated using data published by the center for health information and analysis in April 2022 in its databook titled Massachusetts Hospital Profiles.

"Statewide median relative price", the statewide median cross-payer relative price for calendar year 2019 as determined by the center for health information and analysis.

"Statewide relative price", the statewide cross-payer relative price for calendar year 2019 as published in March 2022 by the center for health information and analysis in its databook titled Relative Price and Provider Price Variation in the Massachusetts Commercial Market.

4752	"Tier 1 hospital", an acute care hospital licensed under section 51 of chapter 111 of the
4753	General Laws that has: (i) a statewide relative price less than 145 per cent of the statewide
1754	median relative price; and (ii) a public payer mix that is greater than 50 per cent.
4755	"Tier 2 hospital", an acute care hospital licensed under said section 51 of said chapter 111
4756	that has: (i) a statewide relative price less than 125 per cent of the statewide median relative
1757	price; and (ii) a public payer mix that is greater than 60 per cent.
4758	"Tier 3 hospital", an acute care hospital licensed under said section 51 of said chapter 111
1759	that has: (i) a statewide relative price less than 110 per cent of the statewide median relative
4760	price; and (ii) a public payer mix that is greater than 65 per cent.
4761	"Tier 4 hospital", an acute care hospital licensed under said section 51 of said chapter 111
4762	that has: (i) a statewide relative price less than 90 per cent of the statewide median relative price;
4763	and (ii) a public payer mix that is greater than 70 per cent.
1764	"Total acute hospital distribution amount", an amount equal to \$300,000,000.
4765	"Total adjustment amount", an amount equal to the sum of all tier 1, tier 2, tier 3 and tier
4766	4 hospitals' net patient service revenue adjustments.
4767	(b) The secretary of health and human services shall direct funds to acute care hospitals
4768	licensed under section 51 of chapter 111 of the General Laws according to the following
1769	formula:
4770	(i) A tier 1 hospital shall receive a pro rata share of the total acute hospital distribution

amount, which shall be calculated by dividing the hospital's net patient service revenue

adjustment by the total adjustment amount, multiplied by the total acute hospital distribution amount;

- (ii) A tier 2 hospital shall receive a pro rata share of the total acute hospital distribution amount, which shall be calculated by dividing the hospital's net patient service revenue adjustment by the total adjustment amount, multiplied by the total acute hospital distribution amount;
- (iii) A tier 3 hospital shall receive a pro rata share of the total acute hospital distribution amount, which shall be calculated by dividing the hospital's net patient service revenue adjustment by the total adjustment amount, multiplied by the total acute hospital distribution amount; and
- (iv) A tier 4 hospital shall receive a pro rata share of the total acute hospital distribution amount, which shall be calculated by dividing the hospital's net patient service revenue adjustment by the total adjustment amount, multiplied by the total acute hospital distribution amount.
- (c) No hospital shall receive an award amount greater than \$30,000,000. A hospital that has a relative price that is equal to or greater than 145 per cent of the statewide median relative price or that has a public payer mix that is equal to or less than 50 per cent shall not be eligible to receive funds under this section.
- SECTION 136. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Offshore Wind Ports Fund. The executive director of the Massachusetts clean energy technology center, established in section 2 of chapter 23J of the General Laws, shall administer the fund. The executive director shall expend

\$45,000,000 for the port of Salem and all remaining money in the fund shall be subject to appropriation and shall be expended to invest in offshore wind ports in the commonwealth.

(b) The fund shall consist of: (i) revenue from appropriations or other money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations; and (iii) interest earned on such money. Amounts credited to the fund that are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund. The executive director shall not make any expenditures from the fund that cause the fund to be in deficiency at the close of the fiscal year.

SECTION 137. There shall be established a fund known as the Taxpayer Energy and Economic Relief Fund to be administered by the executive office for administration and finance. The purpose of the fund shall be to issue 1-time direct financial support to taxpayers for energy costs and increased prices due to inflation. There shall be credited to the fund all amounts that are transferred or authorized to be transferred thereto or directed to be deposited therein, and all amounts received as gifts, grants or contributions for the purposes of the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to appropriation and any money remaining in the fund shall not revert to the General Fund.

SECTION 138. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in order to address rising energy costs and inflation, the executive office for administration and finance, in consultation with the department of revenue, shall administer a Taxpayer Energy and Economic Relief Rebate program to provide 1-time direct financial support to eligible taxpayers, in an amount of: (i) \$250 for a taxpayer who earns not less than \$38,000 and not more than \$100,000 and files an individual return, as: (A) single; (B) head of household; or (C) married filing

separately; or (ii) \$500 for married taxpayers who file joint returns, who earn not less than \$38,000 and not more than \$150,000 combined; provided, that legislators in the commonwealth shall not be considered eligible taxpayers. The executive office for administration and finance, in consultation with the department of revenue, shall confirm eligibility based on the adjusted gross income in each taxpayer's tax filing for taxable year 2021. For the purposes of this section, the term "eligible taxpayer" shall mean a taxpayer who filed an income tax return for the taxable year beginning on January 1, 2021 and is a resident of the commonwealth.

(b) Rebates to eligible taxpayers shall be issued not later than September 30, 2022, in the manner in which the taxpayer elected to receive their tax refund for taxable year 2021, if applicable, or by check.

SECTION 139. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for any taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2022, any amount received from the Taxpayer Energy and Economic Relief Rebate program administered by the executive office for administration and finance, in consultation with the department of revenue, to address rising energy costs and inflation shall be deducted from federal gross income for the purpose of determining Massachusetts gross income under section 2 of chapter 62 of the General Laws and from federal gross income for purposes of determining Massachusetts gross income under section 30 of chapter 63 of the General Laws.

SECTION 140. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby established a pilot program for a live theater tax credit for which a live theater company doing business with a Massachusetts-based theater venue, theater company, theater presenter or producer may be eligible. The credit shall be established to support the expansion of pre-

Broadway productions, pre-off Broadway productions and national tour launches, as those terms are defined in paragraph (1) of subsection (aa) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, and shall assist in the development of long run show development and growth.

- (b)(1) An applicant for a live theater tax credit shall properly prepare, sign and submit to the office of travel and tourism an application for initial certification of the theater production. The initial application shall include information and data the office deems necessary for the evaluation and administration of the application, including, but not limited to, any information about the theater production company or its related partners or presenters and a specific Massachusetts live theater or musical production.
- (2) The office of travel and tourism shall review the completed application and determine whether it meets the requisite criteria and qualifications for the initial certification for the production. If the initial certification is granted, the office shall issue a notice of initial certification of the eligible theater production or presentation to the theater production company, co-producer or presenter and to the commissioner of revenue. The notice shall state that, after appropriate review, the initial application meets the appropriate criteria for eligibility. The notice of initial certification shall provide a unique identification number for the production and shall be a statement of conditional eligibility for the production and shall not grant or convey any Massachusetts tax credits or other benefits.
- (c)(1) Upon completion of an eligible theater production, the applicant shall properly prepare, sign and submit to the office of travel and tourism an application for final certification of the eligible theater production. The final application shall contain a cost report and an accountant's certification; provided, that an eligible theater production, as defined in paragraph

(1) subsection (aa) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, shall not use state funds, state loans or state guaranteed loans to qualify for the live theater tax credit. The office of travel and tourism and commissioner of revenue may rely, without independent investigation, upon an accountant's certification, in the form of an opinion, confirming the accuracy of the information included in the cost report.

- (2) Upon review of a duly completed and filed application and not later than 30 days after submission, the office of travel and tourism, in consultation with the commissioner of revenue, shall make a determination pertaining to the final certification of the eligible theater production and the tax credits pursuant to said subsection (aa) of said section 6 of said chapter 62 and section 38KK of chapter 63 of the General Laws. Upon final determination of eligibility the office shall issue a final certificate.
- (d)(1) If the office of travel and tourism or the department of revenue receives information that is materially inconsistent with representations made in an application, the office may deny the requested certification.
- (2) If a tax credit or a portion of a tax credit is subject to recapture for ineligible costs and such tax credit has been transferred, assigned or allocated, the commonwealth shall pursue its recapture remedies and rights against the recipient of the theater production tax credit. No redress shall be sought against assignees, sellers, transferees or allocates of such credit.
- (e) All documents that are issued by the office of travel and tourism pursuant to this section shall reference the identification number issued to the production as part of its initial certification.

(f) The office of travel and tourism, in consultation with the commissioner of revenue, shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.

- (g) The secretary of housing and economic development, in conjunction with the commissioner of revenue, shall report on the impact of the live theater tax credit pursuant to subsection (aa) of section 6 of chapter 62 and section 38KK of chapter 63 of the General Laws and shall submit the report to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies not later than December 31, 2027. The secretary and commissioner shall collaborate with the live theater industry to collect the relevant data for the report. Said report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information regarding live theater in the commonwealth during the pilot program:
- (i) the number of shows that have been presented in the commonwealth since enactment of this section:
  - (ii) the number of live show days since enactment of this section;
- (iii) an analysis of the number of shows and live show days after enactment of this section as compared to before enactment of this section;
- (iv) the total spending by live theater productions on local businesses and vendors, including supplies, hotels, car rental, food and beverage, and items related to the live theater production;
- 4900 (v) the total expenditure on local labor to set up, support and take down each production, 4901 including total labor hours;

4902 (vi) the number of ticket orders from outside the commonwealth;

- (vii) the number of ticket orders from outside the United States; and
- 4904 (viii) the impact on local businesses in proximity to live theaters, including hotels and 4905 restaurants.
  - (h) No tax credit pursuant to subsection (aa) of section 6 of chapter 62 or section 38KK of chapter 63 of the General Laws shall be issued on or after January 1, 2028 unless the production has received initial certification under this section prior to January 1, 2028.

SECTION 140A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of revenue shall study the annual loss of municipal tax revenue resulting from tax exemptions on real property assessed at a value of not less than \$1,000,000. The study shall calculate the annual loss of tax revenue by each municipality in the commonwealth from tax-exempt real property assessed at a value of not less than \$1,000,000, including state-owned properties and properties eligible for payments in lieu of taxes. The department shall submit its findings to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not later than December 31, 2023 and shall make the report publicly available on its website.

SECTION 140B. The executive office of health and human services, in coordination with the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, established pursuant to section 76 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, shall publicly promote the disability employment tax credit pursuant to 101 CMR 28 to provide information to employers in the commonwealth. The executive office, in coordination with the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, shall report all efforts related to the public promotion of the disability employment tax credit to the joint committee on labor and workforce development not later than December 31, 2023.

SECTION 140C. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a certain parcel of land located at 173 Alford street situated partly in the city of Everett and partly in the city of Boston shall be removed from and not considered within the boundaries or a part of any designated port area, including any designated port area pursuant to 310 C.M.R. 25 and 310 C.M.R. 9 and any other applicable provision of the code of Massachusetts regulations. This parcel consists of approximately 43.11 acres and is located on the southeasterly side of Alford street, on the southwesterly side of Dexter street and bounded southwesterly by the Mystic river, and is more particularly described in a deed filed with the Middlesex south registry district of the land court as document No. 1554521 and recorded with the Middlesex south registry of deeds in book 56211, page 350, and also filed with the Suffolk registry district of the land court as document No. 786425 and recorded with the Suffolk county registry of deeds in book 47428, page 145.

SECTION 140D. (a) Notwithstanding chapter 91 of the General Laws or any other general or special law, or rule or regulation to the contrary, including 310 C.M.R. 9, any height, setback, open space or other dimensional limitations and requirements imposed under said chapter 91 or any other general or special law, and the rules and regulations applicable thereto, shall not be applicable to the demolition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, use or re-use of any building or structure located on the parcel described in section 140C, for the purposes of a sports, recreation or events center, including any ancillary structures that directly support the operation of a sports, recreation or events center.

(b) This section shall be void and of no effect if no such sports, recreation or events center described in subsection (a) has been permitted for construction within 3 years from the effective date of this act.

SECTION 140E. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, each school district, as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, and each charter school, as defined in section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, shall establish a diversity plan that conforms with the guidelines established by the department of elementary and secondary education pursuant to subsection (b). Such plans shall set forth specific goals and timetables for achievement. The plans shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and shall be updated after 3 years.

- (b) To promote a racially and ethnically diverse educator workforce, the department of elementary and secondary education shall:
- (i) establish guidelines for diversity plans that shall include, but not be limited to, the following goals: (A) identify and eliminate discriminatory barriers to hiring and learning in a school or district; (B) remedy the effects of past discriminatory practices; (D) identify, recruit and hire employees who are members of under-represented groups; (E) develop, promote and retain employees who are members of under-represented groups; and (F) ensure equal opportunity in employment for educators. In developing these guidelines, the department shall consult with experts and school leaders from public schools or school districts that have experienced significant increases in hiring and retaining racially and ethnically diverse educators;
- (ii) establish a process for reviewing diversity plans based on clearly defined criteria. A public school district or charter school shall amend any plan deemed not to conform with the requirements of this section. A public school district or charter school shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of this section if it has prioritized diversity in its 3-year plan required

by section 1S of chapter 69 of the General Laws or in any other strategic plan developed by the district;

- (iii) establish periodic reporting requirements for public school districts and charter schools concerning the implementation of their diversity plans and all actions taken to ensure compliance with this section and applicable state and federal laws. These reporting requirements shall be incorporated into existing reporting mechanisms and schedules where feasible;
- (iv) assist public school districts and charter schools in complying with their diversity plans and applicable federal and state laws; and
- (v) require approved educator preparation programs to implement diversity plans to increase the racial and ethnic diversity of program completers. These plans shall be required as part of the educator preparation program approval process and the department shall make each program's plan publicly available. The department shall establish guidelines for educator preparation program diversity plans.
- (c) The board of elementary and secondary education shall review compliance with these diversity plans and policies on a regular basis and may provide further recommendations regarding educator diversity.

SECTION 140F. (a)Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, each school district, as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, and each charter school as defined in section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, shall have a diversity, equity and inclusion officer or shall establish a diversity team, referred to in this section as a diversity officer or team. The role and responsibilities of a diversity officer or team may be assigned to an existing school employee or existing school entity. Diversity officers and teams shall report

directly to the superintendent. Diversity officers and teams shall coordinate their school district or school's compliance with the requirements of this section and applicable federal and state laws.

- (b) Each school district and charter school shall establish a process for advising the school committee or board of trustees on matters of diversity, equity and inclusion in the school district. The process may include establishing an educator diversity council consisting of educators, administrators and students, which shall meet regularly with the superintendent or the diversity officer or team and the school committee or board of trustees. The school committee or board of trustees may appoint 1 of its members to serve as an ex-officio member of the educator diversity council.
- (c) Pursuant to guidelines established by the department of elementary and secondary education, all superintendents, school committee members, boards of trustees, district leaders, principals and school district employees shall complete a diversity and implicit bias training course, the frequency of which shall be established by the department.

SECTION 140G. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education shall set measurable educator diversity goals for the commonwealth and shall collect and report publicly statewide educator diversity data. The data shall be reported in an online dashboard established in consultation with the board of elementary and secondary education. The data shall include, but not be limited to, (i) the number of educators hired and retained who meet the department's educator diversity goals; (ii) racial demographics of educators who complete Massachusetts state educator preparation programs, and (iii) teacher qualification data from school and district report cards. The department shall

report on the success of the 5-year pilot program developed pursuant to section 133B, diversity plans implemented pursuant to section 140E and the diversity, equity and inclusion officers or diversity teams implemented pursuant to section 140F. The department shall report annually to the board of elementary and secondary education on state educator diversity data and goals. The department shall also submit a report on the state of educator diversity to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not later than June 30.

(b) Each public school district and charter school shall collect and report educator diversity data publicly in a manner prescribed by the department; provided, that the department shall utilize existing reporting mechanisms and schedules to collect educator diversity data and outcomes and shall annually present both to the school committee or board of trustees. The data reported pursuant to this paragraph shall include information regarding the achievement of goals set pursuant to clause (i) of subsection (b) of section 140E.

SECTION 140H. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate rules and regulations for sections 133B, 140E, 140F and 140G to implement the requirements. Such regulations shall include a schedule for public school districts and charter schools to meet the planning and reporting requirements; provided, that such schedule shall prioritize implementation for school districts and charter schools that have significant race and ethnicity disparities between educator and student demographics.

SECTION 141. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not later than 14 days after the effective date of this act, the secretary of administration and finance shall direct the comptroller to transfer \$510,000,000 from the General Fund to the Taxpayer Energy and Economic Relief Fund established in section 137.

SECTION 142. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not later than 14 days after the effective date of this act, the comptroller shall transfer \$100,000,000 from the General Fund to the Offshore Wind Ports Fund established in section 136.

SECTION 143. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not later than 14 days after the effective date of this act the comptroller shall transfer up to \$300,000,000 of the undesignated fund balance in the General Fund to the Unemployment Compensation Fund established in section 48 of chapter 151A.

SECTION 144. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, items funded in this act, including appropriations in sections 2 and 2A and all other authorized uses, shall be supported through the following resources: (i) up to \$1,427,245,775 from the federal COVID-19 response fund established in section 2JJJJJ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; and (ii) up to \$1,427,245,775 from the General Fund; provided, however, that the secretary of administration and finance shall ensure that the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund monies received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, comply with applicable federal law, including statutes, regulations and sub-regulatory guidance; provided further, that the appropriations in the items funded in said sections 2 and 2A shall not be used to supplant existing appropriations. The secretary shall continue quarterly reporting consistent with the quarterly reports required in section 81 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021 that detail the source of revenue matched to each item in this act for all expenditures made during that quarter.

SECTION 145. 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:

- 5057 (1) between the University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Society of Professors,5058 Amherst Campus, Unit A50;
  - (2) between the University of Massachusetts and the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) Local 190, Amherst Campus, Unit A07; and

(3) between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Essex North and South Registries of Deeds and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 653, Council 93, Administrative Unit.

SECTION 146. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 3A, the state treasurer shall, upon receipt of a request by the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$1,057,473,040. All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be designated on their face "Commonwealth Economic Development Act of 2022", and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not exceeding 30 years, as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution; provided, however, that all such bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2057. All interest and payments on account of principal on such obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest thereon issued under the authority of this section shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 147. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 3B, the state treasurer shall, upon receipt of a request by the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an amount to be specified

by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$268,800,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be designated on their face "Commonwealth Economic Development Act of 2022", and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not exceeding 30 years, as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution; provided, however, that all such bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2057. All interest and payments on account of principal on such obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest thereon issued under the authority of this section shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 148. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 3C, the state treasurer shall, upon receipt of a request by the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$104,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be designated on their face "Commonwealth Economic Development Act of 2022", and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not exceeding 30 years, as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution; provided, however, that all such bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2057. All interest and payments on account of principal on such obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest thereon issued under the authority of this section shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 149. To provide for the continued availability of a bond-funded spending authorization that otherwise would expire, the balance of item 7002-0016 of section 2 of chapter

5102	112 of the acts of 2018, as amended by section 46 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021 and any
5103	allocations thereof shall be extended to June 30, 2025 for the purposes of and subject to the
5104	conditions stated for the item in the original authorization, and any amendments to such
5105	authorization.
5106	SECTION 149A. Sections 133B, 140E, 140F, 140G and 140H are hereby repealed.
5107	SECTION 150. Sections 73, 74, 78 to 82, inclusive, 84, 85, 89 to 91, inclusive, 93, 93A,
5108	93B, 94 to 96, inclusive, and 140 shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.
5109	SECTION 150A. The exemptions authorized in paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter
5110	64H of the General Laws shall be effective for costs incurred after the effective date of this act.
5111	SECTION 150B. Section 116C of this act shall apply to contracts executed on or after the
5112	effective date of this act.
5113	SECTION 150C. Sections 116D, 127A, 127B, 127C and 133B shall take effect 90 days
5114	after the effective date of this act.
5115	SECTION 150D. Section 116F shall take effect 9 months after the effective date of this
5116	act.
5117	SECTION 150E. Section 149A is effective 5 years after the effective date of this act.
5118	SECTION 151. Section 130 shall take effect as of April 1, 2022.