

HOUSE No. 4449

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2409) of the House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4367), reports, in part, recommending passage of the accompanying bill (House, No. 4449) [Fiscal Note: \$200,000,000.00] April 26, 2018.

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

An Act financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to finance improvements to the commonwealth’s transportation system, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

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

6 SECTION 2.

7 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

8 Highway Division

9 6122-1824. For the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways as described in
10 clause (b) of the second paragraph of section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided, that
11 a city or town shall comply with the procedures established by the Massachusetts Department of
12 Transportation; provided further, that a city or town may expend, without further
13 appropriation, for these projects amounts not in excess of the amount provided to the city or
14 town under this item upon preliminary notice of such amount, which shall be provided by the
15 department to the city or town not later than March 1 of each year; and provided further, that the
16 commonwealth shall reimburse a city or town under this item, subject to the availability of funds
17 as provided in section 9G of chapter 29 of the General Laws, within 30 days after receipt by the
18 department of a request for reimbursement from the city or town, which request shall include
19 certification by the city or town that actual expenses have been incurred on projects eligible for
20 reimbursement under this item and that the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the
21 city or town according to the specifications of the project and in compliance with applicable laws
22 and procedures established by the department..... \$200,000,000

23 SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2, the state
24 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an
25 amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate,
26 \$200,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid shall be designated on their
27 face, Municipal Ways Act of 2018, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not
28 exceeding 30 years, as recommended by the governor in a message to the general court dated
29 February 13, 2018 under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All
30 such bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2053, pursuant to said Section 3 of Article
31 LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All interest and payments on account of principal

32 on these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Notwithstanding any other general
33 or special law to the contrary, bonds issued under this section and interest thereon shall be
34 general obligations of the commonwealth.