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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

As provided in Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, I submit for your consideration An Act to Create the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities and to Rename the Executive Office of Economic Development.

The Commonwealth is in the midst of a housing crisis that has been in the making for decades. During my campaign for Governor, I pledged to take every reasonable step to address this crisis and to increase the supply of accessible and affordable housing in the Commonwealth. This reorganization plan creates a cabinet-level executive office dedicated entirely to that task.

Over the past several years, Massachusetts has had among the highest and fastest growing home prices of any state in the nation. Residential rental rates likewise have increased at rates that far outstrip the general increase in the cost of living. High housing costs create overwhelming challenges for our most vulnerable residents and are a primary driver of homelessness. This consistently high cost of living also places Massachusetts at a significant disadvantage as we compete with peer states to attract and retain businesses. In short, we must create an adequate supply of housing for our young families, workers, and an aging population if we want to remain one of the best states in the nation to live and work.

This legislation creates a new Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities and a new Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities who will serve in the Governor’s cabinet. The executive office will be the principal office of the executive branch dedicated to creating and carrying out housing policy for the Healey-Driscoll Administration and will assume all of the powers and responsibilities of the existing Department of Housing and Community Development. The new executive office will be responsible for expending funds, marshalling

resources, and advancing innovative solutions to provide safe, accessible, affordable, and environmentally sustainable housing for all residents and for supporting the growth of vibrant, livable communities throughout the Commonwealth. The mission of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities will include administering programs focused on housing production, housing rehabilitation, housing preservation, housing affordability, fairness and equity in housing opportunity, emergency and transitional housing, and housing stability and security.

The bill also renames the current Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) as the Executive Office of Economic Development, which will be led by the re-titled Secretary of Economic Development. The bill charges this renamed and refocused Executive Office of Economic Development with continuing critical functions of the current EOHED that are aimed at driving economic development and employment in the Commonwealth. The Executive Office of Economic Development will continue administering programs that successfully promote local and regional economic development, provide opportunities for small businesses, foster the growth of emerging industries, and otherwise ensure the job growth, commercial and industrial development, and competitive business environment we need for a strong and resilient economy. The bill includes some provisions that update and streamline the organization and administration of agencies currently under its oversight to ensure the efficient operation of those agencies, including in particular the Massachusetts Office of Business Development. The bill also makes a number of technical changes to reflect the larger transfer of functions at the heart of the bill, remove outdated references, and update antiquated language in the agencies, offices, and programs that will be administered by these two new executive offices going forward.

For the most part, dividing the current functions and responsibilities of the existing EOHED and assigning them to these two dedicated, highly focused secretariats follows a straightforward logic. In two limited instances, however, the bill takes special measures to ensure that the two resulting secretariats will continue to access certain resources and exercise certain responsibilities that are now shared within the current secretariat. First, the bill provides that oversight of public and private community redevelopment corporations and their projects, a responsibility now held by the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to Chapters 121A and 121B, will be divided between the two secretariats according to the nature of the project. This oversight responsibility will be exercised by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for projects exclusively or primarily focused on housing development and by the Executive Office of Economic Development for projects primarily or exclusively focused on commercial development. Second, in order to ensure that the new Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities can make use of the important development resources that the MassWorks infrastructure grant program currently provides to municipalities pursuing smart housing growth policies, the bill duplicates the current legislative authorization for MassWorks

in a new “Housing Works” statute dedicated exclusively to funding municipal infrastructure that supports new or redeveloped housing.

This reorganization plan is only the first step in what I expect will be a continuing collaboration with the Legislature, municipal officials, and key stakeholders throughout the Commonwealth to increase the production of new housing over the long term. The key provisions of the bill charge the new Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities with developing a full array of additional new housing policies that will expand the supply of affordable, accessible housing across the Commonwealth.

For all of these reasons, I urge your favorable consideration of this reorganization plan as the first step in an improved, collaborative effort to address the Commonwealth’s continuing housing challenges.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting (under Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) Reorganization Plan #1 of 2023, relative to creating the executive office of housing and livable communities and to rename the Executive Office of Economic Development. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. March 1, 2023.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to create the executive office of housing and livable communities and to rename the Executive Office of Economic Development.

*Be it approved pursuant to Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Whereas, the Commonwealth is in the midst of a housing crisis that in which residents  
2 find it increasingly difficult to access affordable housing, which also makes it more challenging  
3 to attract and retain businesses and limits our collective economic growth and prosperity;

4           Whereas, addressing the housing crisis will require significant public investment in  
5 affordable housing and housing-related infrastructure, innovative policies to encourage the  
6 production of more market-rate, workforce, affordable, and specialized housing, and the  
7 revitalization and creation of neighborhoods where people live, work and play;

8           Whereas, achieving these common objectives will be advanced by the creation of a  
9 cabinet-level executive office focused on the production of housing and support for livable  
10 communities;

11           Now therefore,

12 Be it approved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
13 pursuant to Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, and by the authority of the  
14 same, as follows:

15 SECTION 1. Section 62 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
16 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words: “director of  
17 housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
18 secretary of housing and livable communities.

19 SECTION 2. Said section 62 of said chapter 3, as so appearing, is hereby further  
20 amended by striking out, in lines 5, 16, 20, and 28, each time it appears, the word: “director” and  
21 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- secretary.

22 SECTION 3. Section 71 of said chapter 3, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
23 striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words: “director of housing and community development” and  
24 inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

25 SECTION 4. Section 17A of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as amended by section 2 of  
26 chapter 144 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the  
27 words “secretary housing and economic development” and inserting in place thereof the  
28 following words:- secretary of economic development, secretary of housing and livable  
29 communities,.

30 SECTION 5. Section 105 of said chapter 6 , as amended by section 5 of said chapter 144  
31 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words  
32 “director of housing and community development, the director of consumer affairs and business  
33 regulation, the director of economic development” and inserting in place thereof the following

34 words:- secretary of economic development, the director of consumer affairs and business  
35 regulation, the secretary of housing and livable communities.

36 SECTION 6. Section 108 of said chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
37 2020 Official edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 9 and lines 27 and 28,  
38 each time they appear, the words “director of housing and community development” and  
39 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- secretary of the executive  
40 office of housing and livable communities.

41 SECTION 7. Said section 108 of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby further  
42 amended by striking out, in lines 13 and 14, and line 19, each time that they appear, the words:  
43 “department of housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each  
44 instance, the following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

45 SECTION 8. Section 189 of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
46 striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words “director of housing and community development” and  
47 inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

48 SECTION 9. Section 202 of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
49 striking out, in line 5, the words “housing and economic development” and inserting in place  
50 thereof the following words:- housing and livable communities.

51 SECTION 10. Section 204 of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
52 striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words “director of economic development or his designee” and  
53 inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of economic development or the  
54 secretary’s designee.

55 SECTION 11. Section 208 of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
56 striking out, in lines 12 and 13, the words “director of the department of housing and community  
57 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of the executive  
58 office of housing and livable communities.

59 SECTION 12. Section 216 of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
60 striking out, in line 13, the words “housing and”.

61 SECTION 13. Section 218 of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
62 striking out, in lines 5 and 44, each time they appear, the words “housing and”.

63 SECTION 14. Section 2 of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as amended by section 7 of  
64 chapter 144 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 4, the words  
65 “housing and economic development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
66 economic development, housing and livable communities.

67 SECTION 15. Subsection (a) of section 16G of said chapter 6A of the General Laws as  
68 appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and  
69 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- In the executive office of economic  
70 development, there shall be the Massachusetts office of business development, the Massachusetts  
71 office of consumer affairs and business regulation, the Massachusetts marketing partnership and  
72 the agencies within the said partnership, and such additional divisions, offices or departments as  
73 the secretary shall establish for the efficient operation of the executive office.

74 SECTION 16. Said section 16G of said chapter 6A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
75 amended by striking out subsections (b) to (g), inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the  
76 following 2 subsections:-

77 (b) The following divisions and agencies shall be within the department of consumer  
78 affairs and business regulation: the division of banks, the division of insurance, the division of  
79 standards, the division of occupational licensure, and the department of telecommunications and  
80 cable.

81 (c) The secretary of economic development shall be appointed by the governor and  
82 shall be a person of skill and experience in the field of economic development. The secretary  
83 shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, shall receive such salary as the governor shall  
84 determine and shall devote full time to the duties of the office. In the case of a vacancy in the  
85 office of the secretary or in the case of a disability, as determined by the governor, or in his  
86 absence, the governor may designate an acting secretary to serve until the vacancy is filled or the  
87 absence or disability, as determined by the governor, ceases. The acting secretary shall have all  
88 the powers and duties of the secretary and shall have like qualifications.

89 SECTION 17. Said section 16G of said chapter 6A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
90 amended by striking out subsection (k) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

91 (k) The secretary shall, subject to appropriation, establish in the executive office an  
92 office of planning and research to compile data, conduct analyses and perform other planning  
93 and research as the secretary shall deem appropriate to assist workers and businesses and to  
94 assist departments within the executive office in carrying out their missions. The office shall  
95 prepare and periodically update a statistical and economic profile of the state and its regions. A  
96 copy of said data book shall be made available on a website maintained by the executive office.  
97 The secretary may accept gifts or grants of money or property, whether real or personal, from  
98 any source, public or private, including, but not limited to, the United States of America or its



99 agencies, for the purpose of assisting the office in the discharge of its duties. Nothing in this  
100 section shall confer any powers or impose any duties upon the secretary with respect to the  
101 foregoing agencies except as expressly provided by law.

102 SECTION 18. Subsection (l) of said section 16G of said chapter 6A, as so appearing, is  
103 hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
104 following sentence:-

105 During the first year of each new gubernatorial administration, the governor shall  
106 convene an economic development planning council consisting of no fewer than 13 members: 1  
107 of whom shall be the secretary of economic development, who shall serve as chair; 1 of whom  
108 shall be the secretary of housing and livable communities; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of  
109 administration and finance; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of labor and workforce  
110 development; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of energy and environmental affairs; 1 of whom  
111 shall be the secretary of transportation; 1 of whom shall be appointed by speaker of the house of  
112 representatives; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate; and 5 of whom  
113 shall be appointed by the governor: 1 of whom shall be the president of the University of  
114 Massachusetts or a president from a community college, 1 of whom shall be a representative  
115 from Associated Industries of Massachusetts, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the  
116 Massachusetts municipal association, 1 of whom shall be a representative from a chamber of  
117 commerce, and 1 of whom shall be from a venture capital firm with a principal place of business  
118 in the commonwealth.

119 SECTION 19. Said subsection (l) of said section 16G of said chapter 6A, as so  
120 appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 149, the words "housing and".

121 SECTION 20. Said section 16G of said chapter 6A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
122 amended by striking out, in lines 177 to 233, inclusive, subsection (m).

123 SECTION 21. Said section 16G of said chapter 6A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
124 amended by striking out, in lines 234, 237, and 246, each time they appear, the words “housing  
125 and”.

126 SECTION 22. Said chapter 6A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further  
127 amended by inserting after section 16G, the following section:-

128 16G ½. (a) There shall be an executive office of housing and livable communities, which  
129 shall be under the supervision and control of a secretary for housing and livable communities.  
130 The secretary shall be appointed by the governor, as provided pursuant to section 3. The  
131 secretary shall be the executive and administrative head of the executive office, shall otherwise  
132 have all of the powers and duties provided by sections 3 to 7, inclusive, and shall be responsible  
133 for administering and enforcing the provisions of law relative to the executive office and to each  
134 administrative unit thereof, except as provided in subsection (c); provided, however, that the  
135 secretary may authorize any officer within the executive office to exercise in the secretary’s  
136 name any power or discharge any duty assigned to the secretary by law, and may at any time  
137 revoke such authority.

138 (b) The secretary may establish such bureaus, divisions, and offices within the executive  
139 office as are necessary for its efficient operation. Such divisions shall be under the charge of an  
140 undersecretary or department head who shall be appointed and may be removed by the secretary  
141 and who shall be subject to the direction, control and supervision of the secretary or an  
142 undersecretary as determined by the secretary. Each undersecretary or department head shall be a

143 person of skill and experience in the field of their appointment, shall devote full time to the  
144 duties of the office. Appointments as undersecretary or department head shall not be subject to  
145 the provisions of section 9A of chapter 30 or chapter 31. In accordance with the provisions of  
146 chapter 30A, the secretary may promulgate regulations with respect to the divisions under the  
147 secretariat's control.

148 (c) There shall also be within the executive office the Massachusetts Housing Finance  
149 Agency, the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, the Community Economic Development  
150 Assistance Corporation, the manufactured homes commission, the commission of Indian affairs,  
151 and the American and Canadian French Cultural Exchange Commission. The executive office  
152 shall provide general policy guidance for these public instrumentalities, but shall not exercise  
153 any supervision or control with respect to such instrumentalities, except to the extent otherwise  
154 provided by law.

155 SECTION 23. Section 16I of said chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
156 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
157 thereof the following sentence:- There shall be an Economic Development Trust Fund to be  
158 administered by the secretary of economic development.

159 SECTION 24. Said section 16I of said chapter 6A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
160 amended by striking out, in lines 21 and 29, each time they appear, the words "housing and".

161 SECTION 25. Section 16AA of said chapter 6A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
162 striking out, in line 22, the words "housing and economic development" and inserting in place  
163 thereof the following words:- housing and livable communities.

164 SECTION 26. Section 18AA of said chapter 6A, as added by section 1 of chapter 174 of  
165 the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
166 thereof the following sentence:-

167 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of health  
168 and human services and the executive office of housing and livable communities, in coordination  
169 with the division of medical assistance, the department of transitional assistance, the department  
170 of early education and care, and the executive office of education, shall develop and implement a  
171 secure common application portal for individuals to simultaneously apply for state-administered  
172 needs-based benefits and services.

173 SECTION 27. Section 11 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
174 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 23, the words “and the executive  
175 office of housing and economic development” and inserting in place thereof the following  
176 words:- the executive office of economic development, and the executive office of housing and  
177 livable communities.

178 SECTION 28. Section 4R of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
179 amended by striking out, in lines 18 and 19, the words “undersecretary of housing and  
180 community development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of  
181 housing and livable communities.

182 SECTION 29. Said chapter 7 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further  
183 amended by inserting, after section 4R, the following section:-

184 Section 4S. (a) There shall be within the executive office for administration and finance  
185 an infrastructure cost council consisting of at least the following 13 members: the secretary of

186 administration and finance who shall serve as chair; the secretary of economic development; the  
187 secretary of energy and environmental affairs; the secretary of housing and livable communities;  
188 the secretary of transportation; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on state  
189 administration and regulatory oversight; 1 person to be appointed by the attorney general; and 5  
190 people to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 people  
191 provided by the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies, 1 of whom shall be a  
192 representative from the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, 1 of whom shall be a  
193 representative of a telecommunications company doing business in the commonwealth, 1 of  
194 whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Municipal Association and 1 of whom  
195 shall be a representative of a regulated utility operating in a service area within the  
196 commonwealth. The governor may also appoint additional members of regional and local  
197 economic development groups and members of the business community to serve on the council.  
198 Members of the council shall serve for a term of 1 year or until a set of infrastructure cost  
199 projections has been approved by the governor under this section.

200           The secretary of administration and finance, with the assistance of the infrastructure cost  
201 council appointed under this section, shall develop consensus demographic projections for the  
202 commonwealth, including distinct projections for the various regions of the commonwealth.  
203 These projections shall be used as the basis for developing infrastructure cost projections for the  
204 commonwealth, for both publicly-owned and privately-owned infrastructure, for a period  
205 identified by the council of not less than 10 years. As used in this section, the term  
206 "infrastructure" shall mean surface transportation infrastructure and the infrastructure necessary  
207 to deliver water and wastewater services, telecommunications services, gas, oil and electricity.

208           The office of performance, accountability and transparency established in section 4A  
209 shall provide staff support for the study required by this section. Every regional planning agency  
210 formed under chapter 40B shall provide its current set of demographic projections used for  
211 regional planning. Any metropolitan planning organization that uses a set of demographic  
212 projections that is different from those of its regional planning agency shall also provide its  
213 current set of demographic projections. All regulated utilities shall provide necessary information  
214 required by the council. The council may take precautions to ensure the confidentiality of any  
215 competitively-sensitive information submitted.

216           In developing its consensus demographic projections, the council shall compare, contrast  
217 and reconcile all of the demographic projections and other information it receives. It shall strive  
218 to reconcile differences among those projections so that the consensus demographic projections  
219 for the commonwealth are based on a common and consistent set of assumptions.

220           Each council shall conduct at least 1 public hearing. The secretary shall file a report with  
221 the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and with the chairs of the house and senate  
222 committees on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets within 12 months of the  
223 appointment of each council. The report shall also be published on the website of the  
224 commonwealth.

225           SECTION 30. Section 61 of said chapter 7, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
226 striking out, in line 78, the words “housing and”

227           SECTION 31. Section 4 of chapter 7C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
228 amended by striking out, in lines 20 to 22, inclusive, the words “department of housing and

229 community development as defined by section 1 of chapter 121B” and inserting in place thereof  
230 the following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

231 SECTION 32. Said section 4 of said chapter 7C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
232 amended by striking out, in lines 24 to 28, inclusive, the words “department and operating  
233 agencies, as each is defined by section 1 of chapter 121B, and review of and recommendation as  
234 to the standards and guidelines for, direction, control, and supervision of their building projects.  
235 The department and operating agencies” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
236 executive office and the operating agencies defined by section 1 of chapter 121B, and review of  
237 and recommendation as to the standards and guidelines for, direction, control, and supervision of  
238 their building projects. The executive office and operating agencies.

239 SECTION 33. Section 26 of said chapter 7C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
240 striking out, in line 6, the words “department of housing and community development” and  
241 inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable  
242 communities.

243 SECTION 34. Section 40 of said chapter 7C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
244 striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words “director of housing and community development” and  
245 inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

246 SECTION 35. Said section 40 of said chapter 7C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
247 amended by striking out, in line 11, the words “said director” and inserting in place thereof the  
248 following words:- said secretary.

249 SECTION 36. Section 64 of said chapter 7C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
250 striking out, in lines 23 and 24, the words “department of housing and community development”

251 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable  
252 communities.

253 SECTION 37. Section 26 of chapter 9 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
254 amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words “commissioner of environmental  
255 management; the commissioner of commerce” and inserting in place thereof the following  
256 words:- commissioner of conservation and recreation; the secretary of economic development.

257 SECTION 38. Said section 26 of said chapter 9, as so appearing, is hereby further  
258 amended by striking out, in lines 25 and 26, the words: “director of housing and community  
259 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and  
260 livable communities.

261 SECTION 39. Section 35AA of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
262 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4, 8 and 9, each time that they appear, the words:  
263 “department of housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each  
264 instance, the following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

265 SECTION 40. Section 35QQ of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
266 striking out, in line 32, the words “housing and”.

267 SECTION 41. The first sentence of subsection (a) of section 35SSS of said chapter 10,  
268 as inserted by section 4 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021, is hereby amended by striking out the  
269 words “housing and”.



270 SECTION 42. Section 77 of said chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
271 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words “housing  
272 and”.

273 SECTION 43. The first paragraph of section 9 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as  
274 amended by section 2 of chapter 154 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by striking  
275 out, in line 36, the words “housing and”.

276 SECTION 44. Section 4 of chapter 15C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
277 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 16 and 17, the words “director of  
278 economic development ex officio and commissioner of administration ex officio” and inserting  
279 in place thereof the following words:- secretary of economic development and the secretary of  
280 administration and finance.

281 SECTION 45. Section 1 of chapter 18C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
282 amended by striking out, in line 19, the words “economic development” and inserting in place  
283 thereof the following words:- “livable communities”.

284 SECTION 46. Section 11 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
285 amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words “department of housing and community  
286 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing  
287 and livable communities.

288 SECTION 47. Section 16 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
289 amended by striking out, in line 7, the words “department of housing and community  
290 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing  
291 and livable communities.

292 SECTION 48. Section 17 of said chapter 19D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
293 striking out, in line 7, the words “director of housing and community development” and inserting  
294 in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

295 SECTION 49. Section 6C of chapter 20 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
296 amended by striking out, in line 16, the words “housing and”

297 SECTION 50. Section 24 of said chapter 20, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
298 striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words “director of housing and community development” and  
299 inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

300 SECTION 51. Section 8A of chapter 21A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
301 hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “director of housing and community  
302 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and  
303 livable communities.

304 SECTION 52. Section 27 of said chapter 21A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
305 striking out, in lines 8 and 9 and line 20, each time they appear, the words “housing and  
306 economic development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:-  
307 economic development, the secretary of housing and livable communities,.

308 SECTION 53. Said section 27 of said chapter 21A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
309 amended by striking out, in line 20, the words “housing and economic development,” and  
310 inserting in place thereof the following words:- economic development and the secretary of  
311 housing and livable communities,

312 SECTION 54. Section 11 of chapter 21D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
313 amended by striking out, in lines 11 and 12, the words “department of housing and community  
314 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing  
315 and livable communities.

316 SECTION 55. Section 3A of chapter 21E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
317 hereby amended by inserting, after the word “subsection” in line 339, the following words:- ,  
318 and shall consult with the department of environmental protection and the executive office of  
319 economic development on any subsequent amendments to said regulations.

320 SECTION 56. Section 19 of said chapter 21E, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
321 striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words “departments of housing and community development,  
322 environmental protection, economic development,” and inserting in place thereof the following  
323 words:- executive office of economic development, executive office of housing and livable  
324 communities, the departments of environmental protection and.

325 SECTION 57. Said section 19 of said chapter 21E, as so appearing, is hereby further  
326 amended by striking out, in lines 22 and 23, the words “departments of economic development,  
327 housing and community development, and environmental protection,” and inserting in place  
328 thereof the following words:- executive office of economic development, executive office of  
329 housing and livable communities, the department of environmental protection.

330 SECTION 58. Section 6 of said chapter 21I of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
331 hereby further amended by striking out, in line 87, the word “director” and inserting in place  
332 thereof the following word:- secretary.

333 SECTION 59. Section 3A of chapter 21N of the General Laws, as inserted by section 9  
334 of chapter 8 of the acts of 2021, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and  
335 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

336 The secretary shall, in consultation with the secretary of economic development, the  
337 secretary of housing and livable communities, and the secretary of transportation, adopt sector-  
338 based statewide greenhouse gas emissions sublimits as components of each statewide greenhouse  
339 gas emissions limit adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of section 3 for the sectors of electric  
340 power, transportation, commercial and industrial heating and cooling, residential heating and  
341 cooling, industrial processes, and natural gas distribution and service.

342 SECTION 60. Section 13A of chapter 22 of the General Laws, as amended by section 20  
343 of chapter 39 of the acts of 2021, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the words  
344 “housing and”.

345 SECTION 61. Section 22 of said chapter 22 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
346 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 51, the words “housing and”.

347 SECTION 62. Chapter 23A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
348 striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

349 Section 1. (a) Within the executive office of economic development there shall be a  
350 Massachusetts office of business development, in this chapter referred to as MOBD, which shall  
351 be under the control of the secretary of economic development. The secretary shall, with the  
352 approval of the governor, appoint a director of the Massachusetts office of business  
353 development. The director shall be appointed for a term conterminous with the governor's and  
354 shall not be subject to chapter 31 or section 9A of chapter 30. Upon expiration of the term of

355 office of the director or in the event of a vacancy, a successor shall be appointed in the same  
356 manner. The director shall be devoted full time during business hours to the duties of the office.  
357 The director shall be the executive and administrative head of MOBD. The director shall receive  
358 such salary as the governor shall determine; provided, however, that such salary shall be  
359 equivalent to the salary received by the director of labor and workforce development or the  
360 director of consumer affairs and business regulation.

361 (b) MOBD may make discretionary and nondiscretionary grants to persons or public  
362 or private nonprofit entities for projects and programs which further implement the mission of  
363 the department and its agencies and which benefit the general public; provided, however, that the  
364 department shall annually make a report to the secretary of administration and finance and the  
365 house and the senate committees on ways and means on the use of such funds; and provided  
366 further, that any such grant shall be used in accordance with regulations promulgated pursuant to  
367 section 15 of chapter 7A.

368 SECTION 63. Section 2 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
369 striking out subsection (h).

370 SECTION 64. Said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking  
371 out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

372 Section 3. (a) MOBD shall contain such divisions, offices and programs as the director  
373 shall determine are necessary to achieve the mission and administer the programs of MOBD.

374 (b) MOBD shall develop, operate and maintain a searchable website accessible by the  
375 public at no cost, to provide information on public and private resources available to small

376 businesses and to promote small businesses in the commonwealth. Information made available  
377 through the searchable website shall include, but shall not be limited to:

378 (1) information on state, local, federal and private sector small business counseling and  
379 technical assistance programs;

380 (2) information on state, local and federal financing programs;

381 (3) information on state, local and federal procurement and contracting programs and  
382 opportunities, including information on the regional economic development organizations under  
383 the program established in sections 3J and 3K and opportunities;

384 (4) information on state incorporation laws and regulations, and the changes to state  
385 incorporation laws and regulations;

386 (5) information on state tax credits;

387 (6) information on workers' compensation laws, unemployment insurance laws and the  
388 health insurance obligations and options for employers; and

389 (7) other information and resources, as determined by the director of MOBD.

390 SECTION 65. Subsection (a) of section 3A of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is  
391 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
392 sentence:- There shall be an economic development incentive program, or EDIP, which shall be  
393 administered by the economic assistance coordinating council established pursuant to section 3B,  
394 under the oversight of the secretary of economic development, to provide incentives that  
395 stimulate job creation and investment of private capital and to promote economic growth and  
396 expand economic opportunity to all areas of the commonwealth.

397 SECTION 66. Subsection (a) of section 3B of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is  
398 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
399 sentence:-

400 There shall be an economic assistance coordinating council, or EACC, established within  
401 MOBD which shall consist of: the secretary of economic development or the secretary's  
402 designee who shall serve as chair; the secretary of housing and livable communities or the  
403 secretary's designee who shall serve as co-chairperson; 1 person to be appointed by the secretary  
404 of economic development; the director of career services or a designee; the secretary of labor and  
405 workforce development or a designee; the director of the office of business development or a  
406 designee; the president of the Commonwealth Corporation or a designee; and 8 persons to be  
407 appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be from the western region of the commonwealth, 1  
408 of whom shall be from the central region of the commonwealth, 1 of whom shall be from the  
409 eastern region of the commonwealth, 1 of whom shall be from the northeastern region of the  
410 commonwealth, 1 of whom shall be from the southeastern region of the commonwealth, 1 of  
411 whom shall be from Cape Cod or the Islands, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a higher  
412 educational institution in the commonwealth and 1 of whom shall be from the Merrimack Valley.

413 SECTION 67. Subsection (c) of said section 3B of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is  
414 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
415 sentence:- The director of MOBD shall appoint a director of economic assistance who shall be  
416 responsible for administering the EDIP in consultation with the secretary of economic  
417 development, the director of MOBD, and the EACC.

418 SECTION 68. Section 3H of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
419 striking out, in line 1, the word “governor” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
420 secretary of economic development.

421 SECTION 69. Said section 3H of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
422 amended by striking out, in lines 16 and 17, the words “each of the 5 regional offices”.

423 SECTION 70. The fourth paragraph of said section 3H of said chapter 23A, as so  
424 appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, the last sentence.

425 SECTION 71. Section 3I of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
426 inserting, in line 2, after the word “chapter”, the following words:- but subject to appropriation.

427 SECTION 72. Section 5 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
428 striking out the first two sentences and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The  
429 director of MOBD shall prepare and keep current a general statement of the organization of  
430 MOBD, of the assignment of functions to its various administrative units, officers and  
431 employees, and of the established places at which and the methods whereby the public may  
432 receive information or make requests.

433 SECTION 73. Section 6 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
434 striking out, in line 5, the word “shall” both times it appears and inserting in place thereof, in  
435 each instance, the following word:- may.

436 SECTION 74. Said section 6 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
437 amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
438 paragraph:-



439 Members of such committees shall receive no compensation for their services but may be  
440 reimbursed for their expenses. Such committees shall receive assistance from MOBD as  
441 designated by the director of MOBD. Each committee shall annually, on or before November 1,  
442 make a report to the director of MOBD and may make such special reports as it or the director of  
443 MOBD may deem desirable.

444 SECTION 75. Section 7 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
445 striking out, in line 1, the words “economic development” and inserting in place thereof the  
446 following word:- MOBD.

447 SECTION 76. Section 8 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
448 striking out, in line 3, the words “economic development” and inserting in place thereof the  
449 following word:- MOBD.

450 SECTION 77. Said chapter 23A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
451 amended by striking out section 9 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

452 Section 9. The director of MOBD may, subject to appropriation, appoint and remove all  
453 employees of the MOBD as may be necessary to carry out the work of MOBD. Unless otherwise  
454 provided by law, all such appointments and removals shall be made in accordance with chapter  
455 31. From time to time, the director of MOBD may, subject to appropriation and the laws and  
456 regulations pertaining to the employment of consultants, employ such consultants as he may  
457 deem necessary.

458 SECTION 78. Section 10B of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
459 striking out, in lines 1, 4, and 9, each time they appear, the words “housing and”.

460 SECTION 79. Section 13A of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
461 striking out, in lines 11, 17, and 94, each time they appear, the words “housing and”.

462 SECTION 80. Section 13D of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
463 striking out, in line 35, the words “housing and”.

464 SECTION 81. Section 13E of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
465 striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words “governor, and serve at the pleasure of the governor” and  
466 inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of economic development.

467 SECTION 82. Section 13G of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
468 striking out, in line 2, the words “and with the approval of the partnership”.

469 SECTION 83. Section 13H of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
470 striking out, in line 44, the words “housing and”.

471 SECTION 84. Section 13J of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
472 striking out subsection (b).

473 SECTION 85. Section 13K of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
474 striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words “governor and serve at the pleasure of the governor” and  
475 inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of economic development.

476 SECTION 86. Said section 13K of said chapter 23, as so appearing, is hereby further  
477 amended by striking out, in line 16, the words “housing and”.

478 SECTION 87. Section 13L of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
479 striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words “There shall be within the international trade office” and

480 inserting in place thereof the following words:- The executive director of the international trade  
481 office may establish.

482 SECTION 88. Said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out  
483 Section 13S and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

484 Section 13S. The executive director of the international trade office, or staff hired by  
485 said executive director, shall evaluate the continuing impacts on state laws and regulations of  
486 international trade policy and international trade agreements, examine proposed international  
487 trade agreements, maintain active communications with any individual or entity, as the  
488 commission deems appropriate, regarding ongoing developments in international trade  
489 agreements and policy; and examine any aspects of international trade, international economic  
490 integration and international trade agreements that the members of the commission deem  
491 appropriate. For the purposes of this section, “international trade agreement” shall include any  
492 international trade or investment agreement or treaty including, but not limited to, the North  
493 American Free Trade Agreement, the Central American Free Trade Agreement and agreements  
494 concluded by the World Trade Organization.

495 SECTION 89. Section 56 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
496 striking out, in line 1 31, each time they appear, the words “housing and”.

497 SECTION 90. Section 59 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
498 striking out, in line 38, the words “economic development” and inserting in place thereof the  
499 following word:- MOBD.

500 SECTION 91. Said chapter 23A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
501 amended by inserting after section 60 the following 3 sections:-

502 Section 60A. As used or referred to in sections 60B to 60C, inclusive, the following  
503 words shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:--

504 (a) “Eligible section of substantial poverty”, a section of one or more cities or towns  
505 of the commonwealth which (a) is designated as having “sections of concentrated unemployment  
506 or underemployment” by the United States Secretary of Labor, or (b) is part of a standard  
507 metropolitan statistical area of over 250,000 persons and contains 1 or more poverty areas as  
508 defined by the latest official United States decennial census, or (c) is part of a standard  
509 metropolitan statistical area of less than 250,000 persons but contains 1 or more “poor tracts” as  
510 defined by the latest official United States decennial census using a five-factor analysis, except  
511 that for the purposes of this definition the “poor tract” will be defined as one falling in the lowest  
512 quartile of all United States census tracts in Massachusetts cities with populations of 50,000 or  
513 more.

514 (b) “Approved training or assistance program”, a federal, state or private training or  
515 rehabilitation program which has been certified as an approved program by the Massachusetts  
516 office of business development.

517 (c) “Eligible business facility”, a place of business of a corporation subject to the  
518 excise imposed under sections thirty to fifty-one, inclusive, of chapter sixty-three or a place of  
519 business located in a commercial center revitalization district which place of business is located  
520 in a city or town containing one or more eligible sections of substantial poverty or located in a  
521 city or town contiguous thereto and for which a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the  
522 Massachusetts office of business development. A facility for which such a certificate is issued

523 shall be deemed an eligible business facility only during the taxable year or as of the taxable  
524 status date to which such certificate relates.

525 (d) “Resident”, an individual who is domiciled in an eligible section of substantial  
526 poverty.

527 (e) “Commercial center revitalization district,” a predominantly commercial  
528 geographic area in a city or town with one or more eligible sections of substantial poverty, which  
529 area is bounded and described in a commercial area revitalization plan adopted by the governing  
530 body of the city or town and approved by the secretary of economic development. The purposes  
531 of a commercial revitalization plan shall be to prevent or arrest and reverse the decay of the area  
532 covered by the plan. The plan shall describe the area and set forth the development or  
533 redevelopment, including public improvements, proposed to carry out the purposes of the plan.  
534 In exercising the power of approval of a commercial area revitalization plan, the secretary of  
535 economic development shall seek to avoid and correct the deterioration of older commercial  
536 districts which results from the movement of commercial enterprise to previously non-  
537 commercial areas.

538 Section 60B. The Massachusetts office of business development shall, subject to  
539 appropriation, initiate, organize, develop and coordinate an employment assistance and training  
540 program designed to enlarge and improve the skills of the work force, especially those within  
541 urban areas containing sections of substantial poverty.

542 In the development of such a program, the Massachusetts office of business development  
543 shall coordinate with all existing state agencies including, but not limited to, the executive office  
544 of labor and workforce development, the and the executive office of education, and with any

545 similar training programs sponsored, directed or funded by the federal government operating  
546 within the commonwealth.

547 The office of business development shall, from time to time, determine and designate  
548 eligible sections of substantial poverty and it shall approve and certify the training or assistance  
549 programs which are to be utilized or undertaken by an eligible business facility.

550 The Massachusetts office of business development may promulgate regulations to  
551 implement this section, including the criteria for a business facility to become an eligible  
552 business facility and the requirements to renew a certificate of eligibility.

553 Section 60C. (a) Any corporation, with respect to any business facility which it owns or  
554 operates may file with the office of business development an application for a certificate that  
555 such facility is an eligible business facility. Such application shall be in such form and shall  
556 contain such information, exhibits and supporting data as the office may prescribe. If the office  
557 finds that a business facility described in an application for a certificate of eligibility meets the  
558 requirements established in regulation, it shall issue such certificate; provided, however, that no  
559 such certificate shall be issued for a facility which is located in a commercial center  
560 revitalization district unless the director of the office of business development shall have  
561 certified the facility to be consistent with the plan establishing that district.

562 (b) Such certificate shall specify, for the purposes of the corporation excise law, the  
563 taxable year to which it relates. The facility described in a certificate of eligibility shall not be  
564 deemed an eligible business facility for the purposes of said law in any subsequent taxable year  
565 unless the certificate is renewed to relate to such subsequent year. A renewal may be granted for  
566 more than 1 year and successive renewals may be granted.

567 (c) The maximum number of years for which eligibility may be certified under any  
568 certificate, including all renewals, shall be 10.

569 (d) A certificate of eligibility and any renewal thereof shall specify and identify the  
570 real estate of the eligible business facility to which it relates and, by appropriate designation, the  
571 jobs created or retained in an eligible area by the business facility described in such certificate,  
572 during the taxable year to which such certificate or renewal relates.

573 (e) The office of business development shall transmit a copy of every certificate of  
574 eligibility and every renewal thereof to the commissioner of revenue.

575 (f) The office of business development may, after a hearing, revoke a certificate of  
576 eligibility if the office finds that the facility therein described fails in any respect to meet the  
577 eligibility criteria. Such revocation may be ordered if the application for the certificate and other  
578 information supplied by the applicant failed to fully and fairly disclose the facts relevant to such  
579 requirements, or if there has been a material change in circumstances since the date when the  
580 certificate of eligibility was issued. In revoking any certificate of eligibility the office shall  
581 determine whether the facility was an eligible business facility for any period of time, and if so it  
582 shall specify such period of time in its determination, or it may determine that such facility was  
583 not an eligible business facility at any time. When a certificate of eligibility is revoked or  
584 modified the office shall forthwith notify the commissioner of revenue.

585 SECTION 92. Section 62 of said chapter 23A of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
586 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in  
587 place thereof the following sentence:- The members of the board shall be comprised of the state  
588 permit ombudsman who will serve as the chair of the interagency permitting board, the secretary

589 of economic development, the secretary of housing and livable communities, the secretary of  
590 energy and environmental affairs, the secretary of labor and workforce development, the  
591 secretary of public safety and security, the secretary of transportation, the director of the  
592 Massachusetts office of business development, the director of the office of consumer affairs and  
593 business regulation, and the executive director of the Massachusetts Development Finance  
594 Agency; or their designees.

595 SECTION 93. Section 63 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
596 striking out, in lines, 1 and 2, 13, 32 and 33, 39, 64, and 69, each time they appear, the words  
597 “housing and”.

598 SECTION 94. Said section 63 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
599 amended by striking out, in lines 19 to 23, inclusive, the words “; or (iv) to match other public  
600 and private funding sources to build or rehabilitate transit-oriented housing located within .5  
601 miles of a commuter rail station, subway station, ferry terminal or bus station, at least 25 per cent  
602 of which shall be affordable”

603 SECTION 95. Section 64 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
604 striking out, in line 2, the words “housing and”.

605 SECTION 96. Section 65 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
606 striking out, in line 1, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
607 executive office of economic development.

608 SECTION 97. Said section 65 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
609 amended by striking out, in lines 114 and 118, each time they appear, the words “housing and”.



610 SECTION 98. Section 66 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
611 striking out, in lines 3 and 11, each time they appear, the words “housing and”.

612 SECTION 99. Said section 66 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
613 amended by inserting, in line 43, after the word “shall” the following words:- , subject to  
614 appropriation,.

615 SECTION 100. Section 67 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
616 striking out, in lines 1, 9, and 16, each time they appear, the words “housing and”.

617 SECTION 101. Section 68 of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
618 striking out, in lines 1, 7, 15, and 33, each time they appear, the words “housing and”.

619 SECTION 102. Chapter 23B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
620 by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

621 Section 1. The executive office of housing and livable communities shall be the principal  
622 office of the commonwealth to formulate and carry out state housing policy, responsible for  
623 expending funds, marshalling resources, and advancing innovative solutions to provide safe,  
624 accessible, affordable, and environmentally sustainable housing for all residents and to promote  
625 vibrant, livable communities throughout the commonwealth, including without limitation  
626 administering programs focused on housing production, housing rehabilitation, housing  
627 preservation, housing affordability, fairness and equity in housing opportunity, emergency and  
628 transitional housing, and housing stability and security.

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630 (b) To accomplish the objectives set forth above, the executive office is hereby  
631 authorized and empowered to:

632 (i) Administer programs of financial assistance related to housing production,  
633 rehabilitation preservation, operation and affordability, including without limitation programs  
634 supporting infrastructure development, community development, fuel assistance and  
635 weatherization;

636 (ii) Oversee and subsidize the operation, capital maintenance, and redevelopment of  
637 state-aided public housing;

638 (iii) Administer rental vouchers and all other programs providing rental assistance or  
639 promoting housing stability and affordability, including without limitation programs providing  
640 emergency shelter or transitional housing for individuals and families;

641 (iv) Provide assistance to communities in solving local problems that impact housing,  
642 including but not limited to, problems in planning, zoning, housing, and community  
643 development;

644 (v) Facilitate communications between communities and the various agencies,  
645 authorities, officials, and employees of the commonwealth with responsibilities that impact  
646 housing and communities;

647 (vi) Encourage and assist local governments to cooperate in seeking mutual solutions  
648 to common problems and regional housing needs;

649 (vii) Provide and act as a clearing house for information and data regarding housing  
650 and livable communities in the commonwealth;

651 (viii) Initiate, carry out and support studies and analyses which will aid in solving local  
652 and regional problems that impact housing and communities;

653 (ix) Discharge the duties imposed on it by or pursuant to law in the fields of housing,  
654 urban renewal, relocation, housing for the handicapped, veterans, the elderly or other discrete  
655 populations with special housing needs, local and regional planning, and the development of  
656 livable communities;

657 (x) Further the cooperation of local, state, federal and private agencies and  
658 institutions with respect to programs affecting housing and community development;

659 (xi) Represent and act on behalf of the commonwealth in connection with federal  
660 grant programs applicable to the objectives and programs described in this section.

661 (xii) Seek, accept and otherwise take full advantage of all federal aid available to the  
662 department and to assist other agencies of the commonwealth and local agencies to take full  
663 advantage of all federal grants and subventions available for the purposes described in this  
664 section;

665 (xiii) Render advice and assistance to communities in the preparation and review of  
666 zoning ordinances and other rules, regulations, ordinances, charters, and the like that affect the  
667 housing and communities;

668 (xiv) Formulate in cooperation with related state agencies, and from time to time  
669 update, a Model Housing Code, and Model Zoning Codes for communities of various  
670 populations, and in coordination with other state agencies and upon the request of any  
671 community, advise and aid communities in the enforcement of the Housing Code;

672 (xv) Develop goals and plans to guide the production, rehabilitation, preservation,  
673 operation and subsidization of housing in the commonwealth;

674 (xvi) Carry out its responsibility to affirmatively further fair housing, including,  
675 without limitation, assisting to the fullest extent the Massachusetts commission against  
676 discrimination in responding to discrimination in housing and otherwise carrying out its powers  
677 and duties under chapter 151B;

678 (xvii) Adopt a qualified allocation plan and regulations pursuant thereto for the federal  
679 low-income housing tax credit as provided for in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code as  
680 amended and in effect for the taxable year, and the Massachusetts low-income housing tax credit  
681 as established under section 6I of chapter 62 and section 31H of chapter 63. Such plan may give  
682 preference to qualified Massachusetts projects which serve the lowest income tenants at rents  
683 affordable to those tenants and which are obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest  
684 period.

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686 The specific powers and grant of authority set forth in this subsection shall be construed  
687 broadly to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, and nothing in this subsection shall be  
688 construed in limitation of the other powers and duties of the executive office established by other  
689 provisions of state or federal law.

690 (c) In order to assist in the discharge of its duties, the executive office is hereby  
691 empowered to request from any agency of the commonwealth such available information as the  
692 secretary shall deem pertinent to local affairs and problems, and to request from any political  
693 subdivision of the commonwealth currently existing zoning maps of any community and

694 notification of all zoning changes, and such agency or political subdivision shall comply with  
695 such request.

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697 (d) An information copy of each application for federal grant or loan for the purposes  
698 of any community development program submitted to the federal government by any community  
699 shall be filed with the executive office not later than the tenth day after such submission thereof.

700 SECTION 103. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of said chapter 23B of the General Laws are hereby  
701 repealed.

702 SECTION 104. Said chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official  
703 Edition, is hereby further amended by striking out sections 5A to 8, inclusive, and inserting in  
704 place thereof the following 5 sections:-

705 Section 5A. There shall be within the executive office a housing appeals committee,  
706 consisting of 3 members to be appointed by the secretary, of whom 1 shall be an officer or  
707 employee of the executive office or any agency or division within the executive office, and 2  
708 members to be appointed by the governor for terms of 1 year each, of whom 1 shall be a member  
709 of a select board and 1 a member of a city council or similar governing body of a city. The  
710 members shall serve for terms of 1 year each, and the secretary shall designate the chairperson. A  
711 member of the committee shall receive no compensation for such services, but shall be  
712 reimbursed by the commonwealth for all reasonable expenses actually and necessarily incurred  
713 in the performance of official duties. Said committee shall hear all petitions for review filed  
714 under section 22 of chapter 40B, and shall conduct said hearings in accordance with rules and  
715 regulations established by the secretary.

716 The executive office shall provide such space and clerical and other assistance as the  
717 committee may require.

718 Section 5B. There shall be within the executive office a joint task force on housing for  
719 persons with disabilities, consisting of one employee of the executive office to be appointed by  
720 the secretary; 1 employee of the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency to be appointed by the  
721 executive director of said agency; 2 employees of the executive office of health and human  
722 services to be appointed by the secretary of said executive office; 2 persons, not employees of  
723 the commonwealth, from the disability community to be appointed by the secretary of human  
724 services, after consultation with the director of housing and community development and the  
725 director of the Massachusetts office on disability; and 2 other persons, not employees of the  
726 commonwealth, who are experts in the production or management of such housing to be  
727 appointed by the secretary of health and human services, after consultation with the secretary of  
728 housing and livable communities and with leaders of trade associations and others in the private  
729 sector, including the chief executive officer of the Rental Housing Association.

730 Said joint task force may advise the secretary of health and human services, the secretary  
731 of housing and livable communities and the executive director of the Massachusetts Housing  
732 Finance Agency on questions relating to the development and management of housing used by  
733 persons with disabilities and may act in a consultative capacity to any persons with problems or  
734 disputes relating to such housing.

735 Section 6. The secretary shall prepare and submit to the governor and the general court  
736 an annual report which shall contain the description of organization of the executive office of  
737 housing and livable communities, including all divisions, bureaus, offices, and agencies within

738 the executive office, and such other matters as the secretary deems appropriate. The secretary  
739 shall also include in such annual report such information as may be required by the secretary of  
740 the executive office for administration and finance.

741 The secretary of the executive office of housing and livable communities shall make, and  
742 from time to time revise, regulations for the conduct of the business of the executive office and  
743 its divisions and agencies, and such other regulations as may be required by law.

744 Section 7. The executive office of housing livable communities may accept any gifts or  
745 grants of money or property, whether real or personal, from any source, whether public or  
746 private, including but not limited to the United States of America or its agencies, for the purpose  
747 of assisting the executive office in the discharge of its duties.

748 Section 8. The secretary shall appoint and may remove all employees in the executive  
749 office and its divisions and agencies. Unless otherwise provided by law, all such appointments  
750 and removals shall be made in accordance with chapter thirty-one. From time to time the  
751 secretary may, subject to appropriation and regulations pertaining to the employment of  
752 consultants, employ such consultants as the secretary may deem necessary.

753 In addition to undersecretaries, department and division heads, and bureau chiefs, the  
754 secretary may appoint an executive assistant, a chief counsel and experts on urban affairs, public  
755 information and intergovernmental relations, to serve in the executive office, and such other  
756 officers, experts and assistants as may be necessary to carry out the work of the office. Any  
757 person holding appointment under this paragraph shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter  
758 thirty-one or section nine A of chapter thirty.

759 SECTION 105. Section 9 of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
760 striking out, in lines 1 and 8, each time it appears, the word “director” and inserting in place  
761 thereof the following word:- secretary.

762 SECTION 106. Said section 9 of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
763 amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 8 and line 11, the word “department” and inserting in  
764 place thereof the following words:- executive office.

765 SECTION 107. Said chapter 23B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
766 amended by striking out section 10 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

767 Section 10. Wherever, in any general or special law, there are used the following words:-  
768 - (a) division of housing, (b) division of urban renewal, (c) bureau of relocation, (d) bureau of  
769 project development services, (e) bureau of construction services, (f) bureau of property  
770 management services, (g) bureau of community programs, (h) bureau of financial assistance, (i)  
771 state housing board, (j) bureau of planning assistance, (k) commonwealth service corps, (l)  
772 bureau of housing for the handicapped, (m) department of community affairs, (n) executive  
773 office of communities and development; (o) department of housing and community  
774 development, or (p) words having the same connotation, said words shall, unless the context  
775 otherwise requires, mean the executive office of housing and livable communities established by  
776 this chapter and in section 16G ½ of chapter 6A. Any reference in any general or special law to  
777 the administrative head of any of the agencies enumerated in the foregoing paragraph shall,  
778 unless the context otherwise requires, mean the secretary of housing and livable communities or  
779 such officer or employee of the executive office of housing and livable communities as the  
780 secretary from time to time may designate.



781 SECTION 108. Section 10A of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
782 striking out, in lines 1 and 8, each time it appears, the word “department” and inserting in place  
783 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- executive office.

784 SECTION 109. Said section 10A of said chapter 23B of the General Laws, as so  
785 appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, in line 6, after the word “construct”, the  
786 following words:- , reconstruct, redevelop or replace.

787 SECTION 110. Said section 10A of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
788 hereby further amended by striking out, in line 15, the word “only” and inserting in place thereof  
789 the following words:- ,without limitation,.

790 SECTION 111. Sections 11 to 15, inclusive, of said chapter 23B of the General Laws are  
791 hereby repealed.

792 SECTION 112. Section 24 of said chapter 23B of the General Laws as appearing in the  
793 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of “density of  
794 poverty”, the following definition:-

795 “Director”, the secretary of the executive office of housing and livable communities.

796 SECTION 113. Section 24B of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
797 striking out, in line 1, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
798 executive office of housing and livable communities.

799 SECTION 114. Said section 24B of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
800 amended by striking out, in lines 13, 16, and 22, the word “department” and inserting in place  
801 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- executive office.

802 SECTION 115. Section 25 of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
803 inserting, after the definition of “Annual income”, the following definition:-

804 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities.

805 SECTION 116. Said chapter 23B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
806 amended by striking out section 27 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

807 Section 27. The commonwealth, acting by and through the executive office of housing  
808 and livable communities, may, to the extent of appropriations provided for such purpose, enter  
809 into contracts with sponsors of rental housing projects for financial assistance in the form of a  
810 grant or loan by the commonwealth to facilitate the construction or rehabilitation of rental  
811 housing projects in locations where there is a need for such housing.

812 Each such contract shall provide for disbursements of loan proceeds in such amounts as  
813 the executive office determines appropriate. Prior to entering into any such contract, the  
814 executive office shall find: (1) that the area in which the proposed rental housing project is to be  
815 located is a housing development area, or that the proposed rental housing project is a low and  
816 moderate income rental housing project; and (2) that the amount of any loan to be provided  
817 appears to be the minimum amount necessary to make the proposed rental housing project  
818 feasible, and to ensure that at least twenty-five per cent of the units in such project will be  
819 occupied by persons and families, who are, at the time of initial occupancy, of low income.

820 In the case of a rental housing project that is determined to be a low and moderate income  
821 rental housing project, the executive office shall require that the sponsor of such project make  
822 every reasonable effort to rent available units, other than units reserved for low income persons

823 and families, to moderate income persons or families, prior to renting such units to other persons  
824 and families.

825 Any loan made pursuant to this section shall be secured by a lien on real or personal  
826 property, or both, satisfactory to the executive office. Such loans shall be subject to such terms  
827 and conditions as the executive office may prescribe, including but not limited to, such interest  
828 rate as may be set by the executive office.

829 Notwithstanding the provisions of any special or general law to the contrary, and as a  
830 condition precedent to entering into any contracts financed pursuant to this section, the executive  
831 office shall make a determination for each development financed pursuant to this section whether  
832 (1) the allocation of state rental assistance funds is necessary to achieve a fiscally sound project,  
833 and; (2) alternative sources of funding are inappropriate or unavailable.

834 SECTION 117. Chapter 23B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further  
835 amended by inserting after section 27 the following section:-

836 Section 27 ½. (a) There shall be in the executive office of housing and livable  
837 communities a HousingWorks infrastructure program (i) to issue public infrastructure grants to  
838 municipalities and other public instrumentalities for design, construction, building, rehabilitation,  
839 repair, and other improvements to publicly-owned infrastructure, including, but not limited to,  
840 sewers, utility extensions, streets, roads, curb-cuts, parking, water treatment systems,  
841 telecommunications systems, transit improvements, public parks and spaces adjacent to planned  
842 or proposed housing improvements, and pedestrian and bicycle ways, that support the objectives  
843 of the secretariat; (ii) to assist municipalities to advance projects that support housing  
844 development, preservation, or rehabilitation; or (iii) to match other public and private funding

845 sources to build or rehabilitate transit-oriented housing located within .5 miles of a commuter rail  
846 station, subway station, ferry terminal or bus station, at least 25 percent of which shall be  
847 affordable. Preference shall be given to public infrastructure serving locations within 0.5 miles  
848 of a commuter rail station, subway station, ferry terminal or bus station; other eligible locations  
849 as defined in section 1A of chapter 40A; and multi-family zoning districts that comply with  
850 section 3A of said chapter 40A.

851 (b) Public infrastructure projects authorized by clause (i) of subsection (a) shall be  
852 located on public land or on public leasehold, right-of-way or easement. A project that uses  
853 grants to municipalities for public infrastructure provided by this section shall be procured by a  
854 municipality in accordance with chapter 7, section 39M of chapter 30, chapter 30B and chapter  
855 149.

856 (c) There shall be at least 1 open solicitation period each year to accept and consider new  
857 applications. The executive office of housing and livable communities may issue guidelines  
858 establishing other program eligibility requirements and the criteria upon which applications shall  
859 be evaluated. The guidelines shall be developed in consultation with the secretary of economic  
860 development to ensure coordination and alignment with the MassWorks program established by  
861 section 63 of chapter 23A and may include provisions to permit joint applications by 2 or more  
862 eligible cities or towns for a single project serving those municipalities. Grants may be made  
863 outside of the open solicitation period at the discretion of the secretary of housing and livable  
864 communities.

865 (d) The secretary of housing and livable communities shall report annually to the clerks  
866 of the house of representatives and the senate, who shall forward the report to the house of

867 representatives and the senate, the chairs of the joint committee on housing, the chairs of the  
868 senate and house committees on ways and means, and the chairs of the joint committees on state  
869 administration and regulatory oversight on the activities and status of the program. The report  
870 shall include a list and description of all projects that received grant funds under the program, the  
871 amount of each grant, and the number of housing units expected to be served by each project.

872 SECTION 118. Section 29 of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
873 striking out, in line 9, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
874 executive office of housing and livable communities.

875 SECTION 119. Said section 29 of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
876 by striking out the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

877 Any documentary materials or data made or received by an employee of the  
878 commonwealth, an employee or official of a city or town or a member of an advisory committee  
879 created by the secretary to make recommendations concerning the use of program funds, to the  
880 extent that such materials or data consist of trade secrets or commercial or financial information  
881 regarding the operation of a business conducted by an applicant for, or a recipient of, assistance  
882 which the program is empowered to render or regarding the competitive position of such  
883 applicant or recipient in a particular field of endeavor, shall not be deemed to be public records  
884 and shall not be subject to the provisions of section 10 of chapter 66. Any discussion or  
885 consideration of such trade secrets or commercial or financial information may be held by an  
886 advisory committee created by the secretary to make recommendations concerning the use of  
887 program funds, in executive session closed to the public, notwithstanding the provisions of  
888 section 11A ½ of chapter 30A.

889 SECTION 120. Section 30 of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
890 striking out, in lines 1, 4, 10, 21, 22, 31, 38, 55, 63, 73, 77, 80 and 81, 84 and 85, 88, 93 99, 112,  
891 121, 125 and 126, 132, 133, 135, 144 and 145, 146 and 147, 163, 168, 171, 181, each time that it  
892 appears, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
893 words:- executive office.

894 SECTION 121. Said section 30 of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
895 amended by striking out, in lines 23, 131, and lines 140 and 141, each time that it appears, the  
896 word “director” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- secretary.

897 SECTION 122. Section 3 of chapter 23D of the General Laws, as so, is hereby amended  
898 by striking out, in lines 1, 2, and lines 6 and 7, each time it appears, the words “director” and  
899 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- secretary

900 SECTION 123. The third paragraph of said section 3 of said chapter 23D, as so  
901 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
902 following sentence:-

903 The executive director may utilize the offices staff and resources of any other agency of  
904 the executive branch, including without limitation the executive office of economic  
905 development, the executive office of labor and workforce development, or any agency or quasi-  
906 public agency within said executive offices, and such voluntary and uncompensated services as  
907 may from time to time be necessary for the proper performance of the duties and purposes of the  
908 program.

909 SECTION 124. Section 9 of chapter 23E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
910 amended by striking out, in line 4, the first time it appears, the word “director”, and inserting in  
911 place thereof the following word:- secretary.

912 SECTION 125. Section 15 of said chapter 23E, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
913 striking out, in line 21, the word “director” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
914 secretary

915 SECTION 126. Section 2 of chapter 23G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
916 amended by striking out, in lines 13 and lines 22 and 23, each time they appear, the words  
917 “housing and”.

918 SECTION 127. Section 29A of said chapter 23G, as amended by section 14 of chapter  
919 268 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 189 and 190, the  
920 words “director of economic development or his designee,” and inserting in place thereof the  
921 following words:- the secretary of economic development or the secretary’s designee,.

922 SECTION 128. Said section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so amended, is hereby further  
923 amended by striking out, in line 210, the word “director” and inserting in place thereof the  
924 following word:- secretary.

925 SECTION 129. Section 45 of said chapter 23G of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
926 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 82, each time they  
927 appear, the words “housing and”.

928 SECTION 130. Section 46 of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
929 striking out, in line 145, the words “housing and”.

930 SECTION 131. Section 47 of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
931 striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words “housing and”.

932 SECTION 132. The first sentence of subsection (b) of section 7 of chapter 23H of the  
933 General Laws, as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 42 of the acts of 2022, is hereby  
934 further amended by striking out the words “housing and”.

935 SECTION 133. Section 3 of chapter 23I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
936 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 14 and 31, each time they appear, the  
937 words “housing and”.

938 SECTION 134. Section 4 of said chapter 23I, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
939 striking out, in line 40, the words “housing and”.

940 SECTION 135. Section 5 of said chapter 23I, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
941 striking out, in line 179, the words “housing and”.

942 SECTION 136. Section 2 of chapter 23J of the General Laws as amended by section 8 of  
943 chapter 179 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 45, the words  
944 “housing and”.

945 SECTION 137. Section 18 of chapter 23N of the General Laws, as added by section 5 of  
946 chapter 173 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out, in subsections (b), (c) and (d),  
947 each time they appear, the words “secretary of housing and economic development” and  
948 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- secretary of economic  
949 development.



950 SECTION 138. Section 1 of chapter 24A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
951 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “housing and”.

952 SECTION 139. Said section 1 of said chapter 24A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
953 amended by striking out, in lines 10 and 11, the words “labor and workforce development and  
954 the director of economic development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the  
955 Massachusetts office of business development.

956 SECTION 140. Subsection (a) of section 22 of chapter 25 of the General Laws, as so  
957 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “housing and”.

958 SECTION 141. Section 11C of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
959 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 136 and 137, the words “director of housing and  
960 community development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of  
961 housing and livable communities.

962 SECTION 142. Section 2RR of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
963 hereby amended by striking out, in line 96, the words “housing and”

964 SECTION 143. Section 2XXX of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
965 striking out, in lines 21 and 22, 32, and lines 39 and 40, each time they appear, the words  
966 “department of housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each  
967 instance, the following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

968 SECTION 144. Said section 2XXX of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby further  
969 amended by striking out, in line 24, the words “The department” and inserting in place thereof  
970 the following words:- Said executive office.

971 SECTION 145. Section 20000 of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
972 by striking out, in lines 9 and 85, each time they appear, the words “housing and”.

973 SECTION 146. Section 6 of chapter 29C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
974 amended by striking out, in line 85, the words “housing and economic development” and  
975 inserting in place thereof the following words:- economic development and the secretary of  
976 housing and livable communities,.

977 SECTION 147. Section 48 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
978 amended by striking out, in lines 25 and 26, the words “department of housing and community  
979 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing  
980 and livable communities.

981 SECTION 148. Section 60 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
982 amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, 20 and 21, 25 and 26, 144, 166, 187 and 188, 195, and  
983 lines 203 and 204, each time that they appear, the words “department of housing and community  
984 development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- executive  
985 office of housing and livable communities.

986 SECTION 149. Said section 60 of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further  
987 amended by striking out, in lines 21 and 22, 146 and 147, 149 and 150, and 167, each time it  
988 appears, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
989 words:- executive office.

990 SECTION 150. Said section 60 of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further  
991 amended by striking out, in line 171, the word “department’s” and inserting in place thereof the  
992 following words:- executive office’s.

993 SECTION 151. Section 60A of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
994 striking out, in line 6, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
995 executive office.

996 SECTION 152. Section 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
997 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 17 and 18, the words “or (iii) the MassWorks  
998 infrastructure program established in section 63 of chapter 23A” and inserting in place thereof  
999 the following words:- (iii) the MassWorks infrastructure program established in section 63 of  
1000 chapter 23A, or (iv) the HousingWorks infrastructure program established in section 27 of  
1001 chapter 23B.

1002 SECTION 153. Said section 3A of said chapter 40A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1003 amended by striking out, in line 19, the words “department, in consultation with” and inserting in  
1004 place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities, in  
1005 consultation with the executive office of economic development,.

1006 SECTION 154. Section 5 of said chapter 40A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1007 striking out, in line 32, and lines 34 and 35, each time they appear, the words “department of  
1008 housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
1009 following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

1010 SECTION 155. Section 9 of chapter 40B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1011 amended by striking out, in line 1, the word “director” and inserting in place thereof the  
1012 following word:- secretary.

1013 SECTION 156. Section 10 of said chapter 40B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1014 striking out, in lines 2, 4, and 11, each time it appears, the words “director” and inserting in place  
1015 thereof the following word:- secretary.

1016 SECTION 157. Section 11 of said chapter 40B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1017 striking out, in lines 47 and 50, both times it appears, the word “director” and inserting in place  
1018 thereof, in each instance, the following word:- secretary.

1019 SECTION 158. Section 13 of said chapter 40B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1020 striking out, in lines 6 and 8, both times it appears, the word “director” and inserting in place  
1021 thereof the following word:- secretary.

1022 SECTION 159. Section 22 of said chapter 40B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1023 striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words “department of housing and community development”  
1024 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable  
1025 communities.

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1027 SECTION 160. Section 23 of said chapter 40B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1028 striking out, in line 2, the words “department of housing and community development” and  
1029 inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable  
1030 communities.

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1032 SECTION 161. Section 24 of said chapter 40B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1033 striking out, in lines 18 and 19, the words “secretary of housing and economic development, the

1034 director of housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1035 words:- secretary of economic development, secretary of housing and livable communities.

1036 SECTION 162. Section 3 of chapter 40C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1037 amended by striking out, in lines 16 to 18, inclusive, the words “director of economic  
1038 development, the director of housing and community development” and inserting in place  
1039 thereof the following words:- secretary of economic development, the secretary of housing and  
1040 livable communities.

1041 SECTION 163. Section 12 of chapter 40D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1042 hereby amended by striking out, in line 75, the words: “director of housing and community  
1043 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of economic  
1044 development.

1045 SECTION 164. Said section 12 of said chapter 40D, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1046 amended by striking out, in line 85, the word: “director” and inserting in place thereof the  
1047 following word:- secretary.

1048 SECTION 165. Section 2 of chapter 40G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1049 amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

1050 The MTDC is hereby placed in the executive office of economic development but shall  
1051 not be subject to the supervision or control of said executive office or of any board, department  
1052 or agency of the commonwealth except as specifically provided in this chapter.

1053 SECTION 166. Said section 2 of said chapter 40G, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1054 amended by striking out, in line 22, the words “housing and”.

1055 SECTION 167. Section 3 of said chapter 40G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1056 striking out, in line 11, the words “housing and”.

1057 SECTION 168. Section 2 of chapter 40H of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1058 amended by striking out, in lines 27 and 28, the words “department of housing and community  
1059 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing  
1060 and livable communities.

1061 SECTION 169. Said section 2 of said chapter 40H, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1062 amended by striking out, in lines 31 and 41, each time it appears, the word “department” and  
1063 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- executive office.

1064 SECTION 170. Section 2A of said chapter 40H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1065 striking out, in lines 1 and 2, 20 and 21 and 22, each time that they appear, the words “director of  
1066 housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
1067 following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

1068 SECTION 171. Said section 2A of said chapter 40H, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1069 amended by striking out, in lines 30 to 32, inclusive, the words “executive office of housing and  
1070 economic development, its agencies and quasi-public agencies organized under the executive  
1071 office,” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the executive office of economic  
1072 development, the executive office of housing and livable communities, and the agencies and  
1073 quasi-public agencies organized under either of said executive offices,.

1074 SECTION 172. Section 3 of said chapter 40H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1075 striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the words “department of housing and community development”

1076 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable  
1077 communities.

1078 SECTION 173. Said section 3 of said chapter 40H, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
1079 by striking out, in lines 14 and 15, the words “economic development” and inserting in place  
1080 thereof the following words:- livable communities.

1081 SECTION 174. Section 3 of said chapter 40J of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1082 hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof  
1083 the following words:- executive office.

1084 SECTION 175. Said section 3 of said chapter 40J, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1085 amended by striking out, in line 13, the words “housing and economic development or his  
1086 designee” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- economic development or the  
1087 secretary’s designee.

1088 SECTION 176. Said section 3 of said chapter 40J, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1089 amended by striking out, in line 45, the words “housing and”.

1090 SECTION 177. Section 4F of said chapter 40J, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1091 striking out, in lines 47 and 48, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof the  
1092 following words:- executive office.

1093 SECTION 178. Section 6A of said chapter 40J, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1094 striking out, in lines 16 and 17, the words “housing and”.

1095 SECTION 179. Section 6B of said chapter 40J, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1096 striking out, in lines 33, 155 and 156, and 166, each time they appear, the words “housing and”

1097 SECTION 180. Section 6D of said chapter 40J, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1098 striking out, in lines 271 to 272 and 299, each time they appear, the words “housing and”.

1099 SECTION 181. Subsection (a) of section 6K of said chapter 40J, as inserted by section  
1100 44 of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out, in the the last sentence,  
1101 the words “housing and”.

1102 SECTION 182. Section 12 of said chapter 40J of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
1103 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 22 and lines 23 and 24, both  
1104 times it appears, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
1105 following words:- executive office.

1106 SECTION 183. Said section 12 of said chapter 40J, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1107 amended by striking out, in line 27, the word “director” and inserting in place thereof the  
1108 following word:- secretary.

1109 SECTION 184. Section 3 of chapter 40O of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1110 amended by striking out, in lines 21 and 22, the words “director of housing and community  
1111 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of economic  
1112 development.

1113 SECTION 185. Section 2 of chapter 40R of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
1114 by section 50 of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out the definition  
1115 of “Department” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

1116 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities.



1117 SECTION 186. Section 1 of chapter 40S of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
1118 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 59 and 60, the words “department of  
1119 housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
1120 executive office of housing and livable communities.

1121 SECTION 187. Section 3 of said chapter 40S, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1122 striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words “department of housing and community development”  
1123 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable  
1124 communities.

1125 SECTION 188. Said section 3 of said chapter 40S, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1126 amended by striking out, in lines 62 and 63, the words “director of housing and community  
1127 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and  
1128 livable communities.

1129 SECTION 189. Section 4 of said chapter 40S, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1130 striking out, in lines 1 to 2, the words “director of housing and community development” and  
1131 inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

1132 SECTION 190. Section 1 of chapter 40T of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1133 amended by striking out the definition of “Department” and inserting in place thereof the  
1134 following definition:-

1135 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities or its designee as  
1136 forth in this chapter.

1137 SECTION 191. Section 1 of chapter 40V of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1138 amended by striking out the definition of “Department” and inserting in place thereof the  
1139 following definition:-

1140 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities.

1141 SECTION 192. Said section 1 of chapter 40V, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1142 amended by striking out, in lines 41 and 42, the words “department of housing and community  
1143 development” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- department.

1144 SECTION 193. Section 1 of chapter 40Y of the General Laws, as inserted by section 89  
1145 of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of  
1146 “Department” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

1147 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities.

1148 SECTION 194. Section 2 of chapter 40W of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
1149 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 14, each time they appear, the  
1150 words “housing and”.

1151 SECTION 195. Section 4 of said chapter 40W, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1152 striking out, in line 3, the words “housing and”.

1153 SECTION 196. Section 71 of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1154 amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words “director of housing and community  
1155 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and  
1156 livable communities.

1157 SECTION 197. Section 81C of said chapter 41, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1158 striking out, in lines 7, 12 and 13, each time that they appear, the words “department of housing  
1159 and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
1160 words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

1161 SECTION 198. Section 81D of said chapter 41, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1162 striking out, in lines 58 and 59, the words “department of housing and community development”  
1163 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable  
1164 communities.

1165 SECTION 199. Section 81E of said chapter 41, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1166 striking out, in line 14, the words “department of housing and community development” and  
1167 inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable  
1168 communities.

1169 SECTION 200. Section 6 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1170 amended by striking out, in lines 15 and 16, the words: “director of housing and community  
1171 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and  
1172 livable communities

1173 SECTION 201. Said section 6 of said chapter 43B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1174 amended by striking out, in line 16, the word “director” and inserting in place thereof the  
1175 following word:- secretary.

1176 SECTION 202. Section 9 of said chapter 43B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1177 striking out, in lines 12 and 13, 19 and 20, and 31, each time they appear, the words “department

1178 of housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
1179 following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

1180 SECTION 203. Section 10 of said chapter 43B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1181 striking out, in lines 59 and 60, and 65 and 66, each time they appear, the words “department of  
1182 housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
1183 following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

1184 SECTION 204. Section 12 of said chapter 43B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1185 striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words “office of the director of housing and community  
1186 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing  
1187 and livable communities.

1188 SECTION 205. Section 16 of said chapter 43B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1189 striking out, in lines 12 to 15, inclusive, the words “Any paper or document which is required by  
1190 this chapter to be filed with or submitted to the department of housing and community  
1191 development shall be deemed to be so filed or submitted when it is delivered to said department”  
1192 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Any paper or document which is required by  
1193 this chapter to be filed with or submitted to the executive office of housing and livable  
1194 communities shall be deemed to be so filed or submitted when an electronic copy thereof is  
1195 transmitted to said executive office.

1196 SECTION 206. Section 12 of chapter 43C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1197 hereby amended by striking out, in line 24, the words “director of housing and community  
1198 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and  
1199 livable communities.

1200 SECTION 207. Section 1 of chapter 43E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1201 amended by striking out the definitions of “Growth district” and “Growth district initiative” and  
1202 inserting in place thereof the following 2 definitions:-

1203 “Growth district”, a district designated from time to time by the secretary of economic  
1204 development, with the approval of the secretary of housing and livable communities and the  
1205 secretary of energy and environmental affairs, to participate in the growth district initiative.

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1207 “Growth district initiative”, a program established by the executive office of economic  
1208 development and section 2C of chapter 303 of the acts of 2008 to provide for commercial and  
1209 residential transportation and infrastructure development, improvements and various capital  
1210 investment projects.

1211 SECTION 208. Section 5 of said chapter 43E, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1212 striking out, in line 14, the words “housing and”.

1213 SECTION 209. Section 8 of said chapter 43E, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1214 striking out the first sentence, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

1215 The secretary of economic development shall promulgate rules and regulations to  
1216 implement this chapter with the approval of the secretary of energy and environmental affairs  
1217 and the secretary of housing and livable communities.

1218 SECTION 210. Section 8 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1219 amended by striking out, in lines 159 and 160, the words “director of housing and community  
1220 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of economic

1221 development or predecessor thereof for any such approval issued prior to 2023, including,  
1222 without limitation, the secretary of housing and economic development or director of housing  
1223 and community development.

1224 SECTION 211. Section 8C of chapter 58 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1225 amended by striking out, in lines 22 and 23, and lines 29 and 30, each time they appear, the  
1226 words “department of housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in  
1227 each instance, the following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

1228 SECTION 212. Section 5M of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1229 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 10 and 11, the words “department of housing and  
1230 community development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office  
1231 of housing and livable communities.

1232 SECTION 213. Said section 5M of said chapter 59 of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
1233 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 12, the word “department” and inserting in  
1234 place thereof the following words:- executive office.

1235 SECTION 214. Section 11 of chapter 61A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1236 hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “director of housing and community  
1237 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and  
1238 livable communities.

1239 SECTION 215. Section 6 of chapter 62, of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
1240 by section 103 of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by striking out, in  
1241 lines 186 and 187, 1093 and 1103, each time they appear, the words “housing and”.

1242 SECTION 216. Subsection (q) of said section 6 of said chapter 62 of the General Laws,  
1243 as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 842 and  
1244 843, lines 848 and 849 and lines 876 and 877, each time that they appear, the words “department  
1245 of housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
1246 following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

1247 SECTION 217. Paragraph (1) of said subsection (q) of said section 6 of said chapter 62,  
1248 as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 843, the words “established in chapter  
1249 23B”.

1250 SECTION 218. Said subsection (q) of said section 6 of said chapter 62, as so appearing,  
1251 is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 844, 888, 893, 896 and 904, each time it  
1252 appears, the word “DHCD”, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
1253 words:- EOHLC.

1254 SECTION 219. Said subsection (q) said section 6 of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is  
1255 hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 906 and 928, each time it appears, the term  
1256 “DHDC”, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- EOHLC.

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1258 SECTION 220. Said subsection (q) of said section 6 of said chapter 62, as so appearing,  
1259 is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 910 and 911, the words “secretary of housing  
1260 and economic development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of  
1261 housing and livable communities.

1262 SECTION 221. Section 6I of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1263 striking out the definition of “Department” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1264 definition:-

1265 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities, or its successor  
1266 office or agency.

1267 SECTION 222. Section 6M of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1268 striking out the definition of “Department” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1269 definition:-

1270 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities.

1271 SECTION 223. Section 21 of chapter 62C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1272 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 109 and 110, the words “director of housing and  
1273 community development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of  
1274 housing and livable communities.

1275 SECTION 224. Said section 21 of said chapter 62C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1276 amended by striking out, in line 113, the word “director” and inserting in place thereof the  
1277 following word:- secretary.

1278 SECTION 225. Said section 21 of said chapter 62C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1279 amended by striking out, in lines 185 and 186, the words “housing and”.

1280 SECTION 226. Section 3 of chapter 62E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1281 amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “director of housing and community development”



1282 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and livable  
1283 communities.

1284 SECTION 227. Section 31H of chapter 63 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1285 hereby amended by striking out the definition of “Department” and inserting in place thereof the  
1286 following definition:-

1287 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities or its successor  
1288 office or agency.

1289 SECTION 228. Section 38F of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1290 striking out, in lines 6 and 8, each time they appear, the words “section eleven of chapter twenty-  
1291 three B” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- section 60A of chapter 23A

1292 SECTION 229. Section 38N of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1293 striking out, in line 43, the words “housing and”.

1294 SECTION 230. Section 38BB of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1295 striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words “department of housing and community development”,  
1296 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable  
1297 communities.

1298 SECTION 231. Said section 38BB of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1299 amended by striking out, in lines 4, 9, 23, 34, 39, 42, 51, 52 and 74, each time it appears, the  
1300 word “DHCD”, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words: EOHLC.

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1302 SECTION 232. Said section 38BB of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1303 amended by striking out, in lines 56 and 57, the words “secretary of housing and economic  
1304 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and  
1305 livable communities.

1306 SECTION 233. Section 38EE of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1307 striking out the definition of “Department” and inserting in place thereof the following  
1308 definition:-

1309 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities.

1310 SECTION 234. Section 3 of chapter 66A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1311 amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words “department of housing and community  
1312 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing  
1313 and livable communities.

1314 SECTION 235. Section 57 of chapter 74 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1315 amended by striking out, in line 64, the words “housing and”.

1316 SECTION 236. Section 1 of chapter 79A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1317 amended by striking out, in lines 9 and 10, the words “department of housing and community  
1318 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing  
1319 and livable communities.

1320 SECTION 237. Section 7C of chapter 81 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1321 amended by striking out, in line 36, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof the  
1322 following words:- executive office.

1323 SECTION 238. Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1324 amended by striking out, in lines 290, 295, 296, 298, 301 and 303, each time it appears, the word  
1325 “department” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- executive  
1326 office.

1327 SECTION 239. Section 3 of chapter 90H of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
1328 amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “director” and inserting in place thereof the  
1329 following word:- secretary.

1330 SECTION 240. Section 62A of chapter 93 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1331 hereby amended by striking out, in line 132, the words “housing and”.

1332 SECTION 241. Section 14 of chapter 94A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1333 hereby amended by striking out, in line 132, the words “housing and”.

1334 SECTION 242. Section 14A of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as added by section 18  
1335 of chapter 180 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out, each time they appear, the  
1336 words “secretary of housing and economic development” and inserting in place thereof, in each  
1337 instance, the following words:- secretary of economic development.

1338 SECTION 243. Section 197E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
1339 2020 Official edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words “department  
1340 of housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
1341 executive office of housing and livable communities.

1342 SECTION 244. Said section 197E of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1343 amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, 14 and 15, 29, 32 and 33, 36 and 37, each time they

1344 appear, the words “director of housing and community development” and inserting in place  
1345 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

1346 SECTION 245. Section 1 of chapter 115B, as inserted by section 67 of chapter 144 of  
1347 the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out, each time they appear, the words “housing  
1348 and economic development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
1349 words:- housing and livable communities.

1350 SECTION 246. Section 2 of chapter 118I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
1351 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the words “housing and”.

1352 SECTION 247. Section 1 of chapter 121A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1353 hereby amended by striking out the definition of “‘Housing board’ or ‘board’” and inserting in  
1354 place thereof the following definition:-

1355 “‘Housing board’ or ‘board’”, the executive office of housing and livable communities.

1356 SECTION 248. Said section 1 of said chapter 121A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1357 amended by inserting, after the definition of “Project,” the following definition:-

1358 “Secretary of economic development”, the secretary of the executive office of economic  
1359 development established by section 16G of chapter 6A.

1360 SECTION 249. Section 4 of said chapter 121A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1361 inserting, in line 1, after the word “board,” the following words:- in consultation with the  
1362 secretary of economic development,.

1363 SECTION 250. Section 5 of said chapter 121A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1364 adding the following paragraph:-

1365 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this chapter, whenever the application  
1366 submitted to the housing board proposes the development of a project consisting solely or  
1367 primarily of commercial or industrial uses, the department shall assign its responsibilities under  
1368 this chapter to the secretary of economic development, with written notice to the applicant.  
1369 Upon such assignment the secretary of economic development shall have authority to issue any  
1370 certifications, waiver and approvals required under sections 6A and 10 and shall enter into the  
1371 regulatory agreement required under section 18C.

1372 SECTION 251. Section 9 of said chapter 121A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1373 striking out, in lines 32 and 33, the words “department of housing and community development”  
1374 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable  
1375 communities.

1376 SECTION 252. Section 18C of said chapter 121A, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
1377 by striking out, in lines 17 and 18, 25 and 26, 46 and 47, 48 and 49, the words “department of  
1378 housing and community development”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in  
1379 each instance, the following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

1380 SECTION 253. Section 1 of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1381 hereby amended by striking out the definition of “Department” and inserting in place thereof the  
1382 following definition:-

1383 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities.

1384 SECTION 254. Said section 1 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1385 amended by striking out, in lines 99 and 100, the words “director of housing and community

1386 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and  
1387 livable communities.

1388 SECTION 255. Section 26 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1389 striking out, in lines 215, 218 and 219, 221, 225, 229 and 230, and lines 232 and 233, the words  
1390 “of housing and community development” each time they appear.

1391 SECTION 256. Section 26C of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
1392 by striking out, in lines 56 and 57, the words “director of the department or a designee of the  
1393 director of the department” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of the  
1394 executive office of housing and livable communities or a designee.

1395 SECTION 257. Section 34B of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
1396 by striking out, in lines 13 and 14, the words “director or an associate director of housing and  
1397 community development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of the  
1398 executive office of housing and livable communities or an officer to whom the secretary has  
1399 delegated authority to act in the secretary’s name pursuant to section 65 of chapter 29.

1400 SECTION 258. Said section 34B of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1401 amended by striking out in lines 15, 19 and 20, and lines 21 and 22, the words “said director or  
1402 associate director” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- said  
1403 secretary or officer.

1404 SECTION 259. Said section 34B of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1405 amended by striking out, in line 18, the word “director” and inserting in place thereof the  
1406 following word:- secretary.

1407 SECTION 260. Section 38D of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
1408 by striking out, in lines 65, 99, 337 and 344 the word “director” and inserting in place thereof, in  
1409 each instance, the following word:- secretary.

1410 SECTION 261. Section 43A of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
1411 by striking out, in line 3, the words “of housing and community development”.

1412 SECTION 262. The fourth paragraph of section 48 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing,  
1413 is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- If the urban renewal plan includes  
1414 proposed commercial or industrial uses, the department shall provide notice of such urban  
1415 renewal plan to the secretary of the executive office of economic development.

1416 SECTION 263. Said section 48 of chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1417 amended by inserting after the fifth paragraph, the following paragraph:-

1418 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this chapter, whenever an urban renewal  
1419 plan entails the renewal of an area exclusively or primarily through the development of  
1420 commercial or industrial uses, the department shall assign the responsibilities of this paragraph to  
1421 the secretary of the executive office of economic development, with written notice to the  
1422 applicant. Upon such assignment the secretary of economic development shall exercise all  
1423 authority and assume all responsibilities of the department as granted or provided for by this  
1424 chapter with respect to such urban renewal plan.

1425 SECTION 264. Said section 48 of chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1426 amended by striking out, in line 62, the words “by the department” and inserting in place thereof  
1427 the following words:- pursuant to this section.

1428 SECTION 265. Section 59 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1429 striking out, in lines 8 to 10, inclusive, the words “director of housing and community  
1430 development or such associate director as he may from time to time designate” and inserting in  
1431 place thereof the following words:- secretary of the executive office of housing and livable  
1432 communities or an officer to whom the secretary has delegated authority to act in the secretary’s  
1433 name pursuant to section 65 of chapter 29.

1434 SECTION 266. Section 60 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1435 striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words “undersecretary of housing and community  
1436 development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and  
1437 livable communities.

1438 SECTION 267. Said section 60 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1439 amended by striking out, in lines 8, 22, 31 and 32, 37, 40 and 43, the word “undersecretary” and  
1440 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- secretary.

1441 SECTION 268. Section 1 of chapter 121C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1442 hereby amended by striking out the definitions of “Director” and “MOBD”.

1443 SECTION 269. Said section 1 of said chapter 121C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1444 amended by adding the following definition:-

1445 (9) “Secretary,” the secretary of the executive office of economic development.

1446 SECTION 270. Said section 1 of said chapter 121C, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1447 amended by striking out, in lines 76 and 77, and 82, the word “director” each time it appears, and  
1448 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- secretary.



1449 SECTION 271. Section 3 of said chapter 121C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1450 striking out, in lines 30 and 31, the words “department of housing and community development”  
1451 and inserting in place thereof the following word:- secretary.

1452 SECTION 272. Section 2 of chapter 121D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1453 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words "Department of Housing and  
1454 Community Development" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office  
1455 of housing and livable communities.

1456 SECTION 273. Said section 2 of said chapter 121D, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1457 amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, and 6, each time it appears, the word “Department”  
1458 and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- executive office.

1459 SECTION 274. Section 3 of said chapter 121D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1460 striking out, in line 47 and 48, the words “Department of Housing and Community  
1461 Development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing  
1462 and livable communities.

1463 SECTION 275. Said section 3 of said chapter 121D, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1464 amended by striking out, in line 50, the word “Department” and inserting in place thereof the  
1465 following words:- executive office.

1466 SECTION 276. Section 4 of said chapter 121D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1467 striking out, in line 3, the words “department of housing and community development” and  
1468 inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office of housing and livable  
1469 communities.

1470 SECTION 277. Said section 4 of said chapter 121D, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1471 amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words “director of the Department of Housing and  
1472 Community Development or his designee” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
1473 secretary of housing and livable communities or a designee.

1474 SECTION 278. Section 1 of chapter 121E of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
1475 is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “Department” and inserting in place thereof  
1476 the following definition:-

1477 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities.

1478 SECTION 279. Section 1 of chapter 121F of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1479 hereby amended by striking out the definition of “Department” and inserting in place thereof the  
1480 following definition:-

1481 “Department,” the executive office of housing and livable communities.

1482 SECTION 280. Section 1 of chapter 121G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1483 hereby amended by striking out the definition of “Department” and inserting in place thereof the  
1484 following definition:-

1485 “Department”, the executive office of housing and livable communities.

1486 SECTION 281. Section 32B of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1487 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 17 and 20, each time they appear, the words “director of  
1488 housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
1489 following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

1490 SECTION 282. Section 32L of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1491 striking out, in lines 20 and 21, 43 and 44, 49 and 50, and 100 and 101, each time they appear,  
1492 the words “director of housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in  
1493 each instance, the following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

1494 SECTION 283. Said section 32L of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1495 amended by striking out, in lines 54, 55, and 59, each time it appears, the word “director” and  
1496 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- secretary.

1497 SECTION 284. Said section 32L of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1498 amended by striking out, in line 101, the word “director’s” and inserting in place thereof the  
1499 following word:- secretary’s.

1500 SECTION 285. Section 32P of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1501 striking out, in line 27, the words “director of housing and community development” and  
1502 inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

1503 SECTION 286. Said section 32P of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1504 amended by striking out, in lines 29 and 30, each time it appears, the word “director” and  
1505 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- secretary.

1506 SECTION 287. Section 32R of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1507 striking out, in lines 6, 15 and 16, and lines 99 and 100, each time they appear, the words  
1508 “director of housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each  
1509 instance, the following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

1510 SECTION 288. Section 64 of chapter 143 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1511 hereby amended by striking out, in line 20, the words “housing and”.

1512 SECTION 289. Section 97 of chapter said chapter 143, as so appearing, is hereby  
1513 amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “housing and”.

1514 SECTION 290. Section 4 of chapter 151B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1515 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 324 and 396, each time they appear, the words  
1516 “department of housing and community development” and inserting in place thereof, in each  
1517 instance, the following words:- executive office of housing and livable communities.

1518 SECTION 291. Section 5 of chapter 161A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1519 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 133 and 134, the words “department of housing and  
1520 community development” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office  
1521 of housing and livable communities, the executive office of economic development.

1522 SECTION 292. Section 69H of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1523 hereby amended by striking out, in line 18, the words “housing and”.

1524 SECTION 293. Section 32 of chapter 184 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
1525 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 27 and 28, 37 and 38, 65 and 66, and lines 88 and 89,  
1526 each time they appear, the words “director of housing and community development” and  
1527 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- secretary of housing and  
1528 livable communities.

1529 SECTION 294. Section 33 of said chapter 184, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
1530 striking out, in line 42, the words “director of housing and community development” and  
1531 inserting in place thereof the following words:- secretary of housing and livable communities.

1532 SECTION 295. Said section 33 of said chapter 184, as so appearing, is hereby further  
1533 amended by striking out, in line 48, the word:- “director”.

1534 SECTION 296. Section 31 of chapter 186 of the General Laws, as added by section 1 of  
1535 chapter 107 of the acts of 2022, is hereby amended by striking out, each time they appear, the  
1536 words “housing and economic development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
1537 following words:- housing and livable communities.

1538 SECTION 297. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, this  
1539 section shall facilitate the orderly transfer of the employees, proceedings, rules and regulations,  
1540 property and legal obligations and functions of state government from: (i) the executive office of  
1541 economic development, as transferor agency, to the executive office of housing and livable  
1542 communities, as transferee agency; or (ii) the executive office of housing and livable  
1543 communities, as transferor agency, to the executive office of economic development, as  
1544 transferee agency.

1545 (b) Subject to appropriation, any employees transferred to the transferee agency,  
1546 including those who immediately before the effective date of this act held permanent  
1547 appointment in positions classified under chapter 31 of the General Laws or have tenure in their  
1548 positions as provided by section 9A of chapter 30 of the General Laws or did not hold such  
1549 tenure, or held confidential positions, are hereby transferred to the transferee agency, without  
1550 interruption of service within the meaning of section 9A of chapter 30, without impairment of

1551 seniority, retirement or other rights of the employee, and without reduction in compensation or  
1552 salary grade, notwithstanding any change in title or duties resulting from such reorganization,  
1553 and without loss of accrued rights to holidays, sick leave, vacation and benefits, and without  
1554 change in union representation or certified collective bargaining unit as certified by the state  
1555 labor relations commission or in local union representation or affiliation. Any collective  
1556 bargaining agreement in effect immediately before the transfer date shall continue in effect and  
1557 the terms and conditions of employment therein shall continue as if the employees had not been  
1558 so transferred. The reorganization shall not impair the civil service status of any such reassigned  
1559 employee who immediately before the effective date of this act either held a permanent  
1560 appointment in a position classified under chapter 31 of the General Laws or had tenure in a  
1561 position by reason of section 9A of chapter 30 of the General Laws.

1562 (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all such employees  
1563 shall continue to retain their right to bargain collectively pursuant to chapter 150E of the General  
1564 Laws and shall be considered employees for the purposes of chapter 150E. Nothing in this  
1565 section shall confer upon any employee any right not held immediately before the date of the  
1566 transfer, or to prohibit any reduction of salary grade, transfer, reassignment, suspension,  
1567 discharge or layoff not prohibited before such date; nor shall anything in this section prohibit the  
1568 abolition of any management position within the executive office of economic development or  
1569 the executive office of housing and livable communities.

1570 (d) All petitions, requests, investigations, filings and other proceedings appropriately  
1571 and duly brought before the transferor agency, or pending before it before the effective date of  
1572 this act, shall continue unabated and remain in force, but shall be assumed and completed by the  
1573 transferee agency.

1574           (e)     All orders, advisories, findings, rules and regulations duly made and all approvals  
1575     duly granted by the transferor agency, which are in force immediately before the effective date of  
1576     this act, shall continue in force and shall thereafter be enforced, until superseded, revised,  
1577     rescinded or canceled, in accordance with law, by the transferee agency.

1578           (f)     All books, papers, records, documents, equipment, buildings, facilities, cash and  
1579     other property, both personal and real, including all such property held in trust, which  
1580     immediately before the effective date of this act are in the custody of the transferor agency, shall  
1581     be transferred to the transferee agency.

1582           (g)     All duly existing contracts, leases and obligations of the transferor agency, shall  
1583     continue in effect but shall be assumed by the transferee agency. No such existing right or  
1584     remedy of any character shall be lost, impaired or affected by this act.

1585           SECTION 298. This act shall take effect 30 days following enactment pursuant to  
1586     subsection (c) of section 2 of Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution.