HOUSE . . . . . No. 3324

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act providing for the municipal road and bridge maintenance needs of the Commonwealth.

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

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The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the municipal road and bridge maintenance needs of the commonwealth, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

SECTION 1. To provide for a capital outlay program of maintenance and improvements to municipal road and bridge assets of the commonwealth, the sums set forth in section 2 for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act, are hereby made available, subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds, which sums are in addition to any other amounts previously appropriated for these purposes.

SECTION 2.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

6122-1190 For the construction and reconstruction of town and county ways as described in clause (b) of section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided that a city or town shall comply with the procedures established by the division of highways within the department of transportation; provided further, that any such city or town may appropriate for such projects amounts not in excess of the amount provided to the city or town under this item preliminary notice of which shall be provided by the department to the city or town no later than April 1 of each year; provided further, that the commonwealth shall reimburse any such city or town under

23 this item within 30 days after receipt by the department of a request for reimbursement from the
24 city or town, which request shall include certification by the city or town that actual expenses
25 have been incurred on projects eligible for reimbursement under this item, and that the work has
26 been completed to the satisfaction of the city or town according to the specifications of the
27 project and in compliance with applicable laws and procedures established by the
28 division…… $200,000,000.

29 SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2, the state
30 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an
31 amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate,
32 $200,000,000. All these bonds issued by the commonwealth shall be designated on their face,
33 Maintenance and Improvement of Municipal Roads Act of 2011, and shall be issued for a
34 maximum term of years, not exceeding 30 years, as the governor may recommend to the general
35 court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution; provided, however,
36 that all such these bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2046. All interest and payments
37 on account of principal on these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund.
38 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, bonds and interest thereon issued under this
39 section shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.