

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3324**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Twelve**  
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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:*

1           Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is  
2   forthwith to

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

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

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

14 SECTION 2.

15 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

16 6122-1190 For the construction and reconstruction of town and county ways as described  
17 in clause (b) of section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided that a city or town shall  
18 comply with the procedures established by the division of highways within the department of  
19 transportation; provided further, that any such city or town may appropriate for such projects  
20 amounts not in excess of the amount provided to the city or town under this item preliminary  
21 notice of which shall be provided by the department to the city or town no later than April 1 of  
22 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.