

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3999**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**



*House of Representatives, April 09, 2014.*

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**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**  
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1           *Ordered,* That, notwithstanding the provisions of any rule to the contrary, amendments to  
2 the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015 shall be properly filed with the Clerk of the  
3 House in electronic format to be determined by the Clerk as directed by the Speaker; provided  
4 that the clerk shall notify by electronic communication the primary sponsor of each amendment  
5 of the receipt of such amendment and the number assigned by said Clerk to the amendment;  
6 provided further that the Clerk shall print each amendment so filed electronically; and such  
7 printed copy shall be considered to be the official amendment for that bill; and be it further  
  
8 Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be directed to print a  
9 Calendar for the House Session held on Monday, April 28, 2014, containing only the General  
10 Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015; and be it further  
  
11 Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 20B, any amendment to the  
12 General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015 relative to enhancing or reducing revenue may  
13 only be considered prior to the third reading of said bill to be in order, and that all other  
14 amendments to the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015 shall only be considered  
15 subsequent to the third reading of said bill; and be it further  
  
16 Ordered, That, no amendment to the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015 that  
17 enhances or reduces funding distributions from the General Fund to cities and towns in  
18 accordance with section 35 of chapter 10 or chapter 70 of the General Laws shall be in order; and  
19 be it further

20 Ordered, That, no amendment to the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015 that  
21 amends or not withstands chapter 18 or chapter 118 of the General Laws, or that amends or not  
22 withstands chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 shall be in order; and be it further

23 Ordered, That, except for consolidated amendments or perfecting amendments offered by the  
24 committee on Ways and Means, no proposition on a subject different from the amendment under  
25 consideration shall be admitted under color of a further amendment to the General  
26 Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015; and be it further

27 Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20A, any amendment removed by a  
28 member from a consolidated amendment shall be offered as an amendment to the General  
29 Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015, to be acted upon in the first degree before action is  
30 taken on the consolidated amendment, except that any amendment so removed from the  
31 consolidated amendment may be moved by the committee on Ways and Means from one subject  
32 category to any category not yet disposed of in the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year  
33 2015; and be it further

34 Ordered, That, a consolidated amendment to the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year  
35 2015, offered by the committee on Ways and Means, shall contain a fiscal note indicating its  
36 total expenditures; and be it further

37 Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 74, consolidated amendments may  
38 not be divided; and be it further

39 Ordered, That, any amendment not complying with the provisions of the special rules of  
40 procedure stated herein shall be considered withdrawn; provided that, in the case of the General  
41 Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015, any such amendments shall be published as part of the  
42 amendment list published by the committee on Ways and Means; and be it further

43 Ordered, That, except as otherwise provided herein, all amendments to the General  
44 Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015 shall be in compliance with House Rule 20A.