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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 24, 2017.

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2017 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 72), report, in part, recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3718) ought to pass [Total appropriation: $45,462,481.00].

For the committee,

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

An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2017 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2017 and to make certain changes in law, each of which is immediately necessary to carry out those appropriations or to accomplish other important public purposes, 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 supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2017, the sums set forth in section 2 are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in this act or in those appropriation acts, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act or in those appropriation acts, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, appropriations made in section 2 shall not revert and shall be available for expenditure until June 30, 2017.

SECTION 2.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Office of the Secretary for Administration and Finance

1599-6903…….$14,962,481

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Department of Conservation and Recreation

2810-2042…….$1,500,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Department of Correction

8900-0001…….$15,000,000

SECTION 2E. The sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated for transfer from the General Fund to the trust fund named within the item unless specifically designated otherwise in section 2E of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016, for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section and said section 2E and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Department of Transportation

1595-6368……..$14,000,000

SECTION 3. Section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as amended by section 47 of chapter 46 of the acts of 2015, is hereby further amended by inserting in line 5, after the word “providers”, the following words:- or care organizations.

SECTION 4. Item 2810-2042 of section 2 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016 is hereby amended by striking out the figure “$17,700,000”, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $19,200,000.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of housing and economic development, with the written approval of the secretary of administration and finance, may authorize transfers of not more than $3,785,457 among items 7004-0101 and 7004-0108 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016, as amended, for the purpose of reducing any deficiency in these items, but any such transfer shall be made not later than September 1, 2017.

SECTION 6. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the unexpended balances in items 0699-0014, 0699-0015, 0699-2005 and 0699-9100 shall be deposited into the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter 32A of the General Laws not later than June 30, 2017. The amount deposited shall be an amount equal to 10 per cent of all payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2017 under the master settlement agreement in Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Philip Morris, Inc. et al., Middlesex Superior Court, No. 95-7378; provided, however, that if in fiscal year 2017 the unexpended balances of said items 0699-0014, 0699-0015, 0699-2005 and 0699-9100 is less than 10 per cent of all payments received by the commonwealth in fiscal year 2017 under the master settlement agreement payments, an amount equal to the difference shall be transferred to

the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund from payments received by the commonwealth under the master settlement agreement.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the percentage increase set forth in section 152 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011 shall not apply in fiscal year 2017.