HOUSE No. 3951

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 11, 2017.

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to making appropriations for the fiscal year 2017 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3869), reports, in part, that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3951) ought to pass. [Total Appropriations: \$123,223,598.00].

For the committee,

JEFFREY SÁNCHEZ.

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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 are forthwith 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:

- 1 SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act
- 2 and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2017, the sums set forth in section 2 are hereby
- 3 appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in this act or in
- 4 those appropriation acts, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this
- 5 act or in those appropriation acts, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
- 6 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts
- 7 previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be
- 8 made available until June 30, 2018.
- 9 SECTION 2.

10	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
11	Hampden District Attorney
12	0340-0500\$150,215
13	Northwestern District Attorney
14	0340-0600\$142,798
15	Bristol District Attorney
16	0340-0998\$19,393
17	Cape and Islands District Attorney
18	0340-1000\$257,578
19	SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
20	0521-0000\$341,393
21	EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
22	Office of the Secretary for Administration and Finance
23	1599-8910\$20,408,910
24	Human Resources Division
25	1750-0100\$250,000
26	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

27	Department of Fish and Game
28	2330-0300\$1,000,000
29	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
30	Office of the Secretary
31	4000-0005\$4,750,000
32	MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
33	Department of Transportation
34	1595-6368\$49,828,056
35	Commonwealth Transportation Fund100%
36	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
37	Office of the Secretary
38	7002-1506\$500,000
39	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
40	Military Division
41	8700-1150\$4,000,000
42	SECTION 2A. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to
43	provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations, and to meet certain requirements
44	of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless

45	specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the several purposes and subject to the
46	conditions specified in this section, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
47	funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts
48	previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be
49	made available until June 30, 2018.
50	For a reserve for costs associated with taxes owed to the City of Boston
51	for the property at 100 Cambridge Street\$1,429,179
52	SECTION 2B. To provide for supplementing certain intragovernmental chargeback
53	authorizations in the general appropriation act and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2017,
54	to provide for certain unanticipated intragovernmental chargeback authorizations, to provide for
55	an alteration of purpose for current intragovernmental chargeback authorizations, and to meet
56	certain requirements of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby authorized from the
57	Intragovernmental Service Fund for the several purposes specified in this section or in the
58	appropriation acts, and subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public
59	funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts
60	previously authorized and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be
61	made available until June 30, 2018.
62	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
63	Office of the Secretary
64	4000-0102\$353,021

SECTION 2C.I. For the purpo	se of making available in fiscal year 2018 balances of
appropriations which otherwise would	d revert on June 30, 2017, the unexpended balances of the
appropriations listed below, not to exc	ceed the amount specified below for each item, are hereby
re-appropriated for the purposes of an	d subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding
item in section 2 of chapter 133 of the	e acts of 2016. However, for items which do not appear in
section 2 of the general appropriation	act, the amounts in this section are re-appropriated for the
purposes of and subject to the condition	ons stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or 2A of
this act or in prior appropriation acts.	Amounts in this section are re-appropriated from the fund
or funds designated for the correspond	ding item in section 2 of said chapter 133; provided,
however, that for items which do not	appear in section 2 of said chapter 133, the amounts in this
section are re-appropriated from the fi	und or funds designated for the corresponding item in
section 2 through 2E of this act or in p	prior appropriation acts. The unexpended balance of each
appropriation in the Massachusetts ma	anagement accounting and reporting system with a
secretariat code of 01 or 17 is hereby	re-appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the
conditions stated for the corresponding	g item in said section 2 of said chapter 133. The sums re-
appropriated in this section shall be in	addition to any amounts available for said purposes.
TREASUR	ER AND RECEIVER GENERAL
Office of th	e Treasurer and Receiver General
0610-0010	\$350,000
EXECUTIVE OFFICE	FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Reserves

86	1599-0044\$80,000
87	1599-0054\$1,162,177
88	1599-0840\$300,000
89	1599-4445\$300,000
90	Health Policy Commission
91	1599-1450\$233,997
92	1599-2004\$83,326
93	MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
94	1790-0300\$2,653,323
95	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
96	Department of Children and Families
97	4800-0091\$160,000
98	Department of Veteran Services
99	1410-0018\$139,396
100	Chelsea Soldiers Home
101	4180-1100\$128,995
102	Holyoke Soldiers Home

103	4190-0300\$30,000
104	4190-1100\$587,579
105	SECTION 3. Section 172 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
106	Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-
107	(o) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any other general or special
108	law to the contrary, all gaming service employees shall be required to register with the
109	investigations and enforcement bureau established pursuant to section 6 of chapter 23K;
110	provided, however, the Massachusetts gaming commission established pursuant to section 3 of
111	said chapter 23K, may exempt certain gaming service employees by job position from the
112	registration requirement at its discretion. The commission and the bureau may require any
113	gaming service employee to produce any information deemed necessary.
114	SECTION 4. Section 18W of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as inserted by section 6 of
115	chapter 6 of the acts of 2017, is hereby repealed.
116	SECTION 5. Section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as amended by section 3
117	of chapter 20 of the acts of 2017, is hereby further amended by striking out the second sentence
118	and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Funds from the trust fund may be
119	expended for Medicaid payments to qualifying providers or care organizations under an
120	approved state plan or federal waiver.
121	SECTION 6. Subsection (b) of section 2RRRR of said chapter 29, as appearing in the
122	2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence the following
123	sentence:- For the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of

retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system.

SECTION 7. Section 5H of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The state treasurer shall certify by October 31, the amount of actual receipts and distributions to claimants of abandoned property for the previous fiscal year, and beginning in fiscal year 2013, the comptroller shall transfer 75 per cent of the growth in abandoned property net revenue, defined as the difference between abandoned property receipts and distributions to claimants, that exceeds the amount of net revenue collected during the previous fiscal year, to the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established by section 2H; provided, however, that said transfer shall be made prior to the certification of the consolidated net surplus for the previous fiscal year as provided in section 5C.

SECTION 8. Section 184C of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 133, the words "size and brand" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- brand, and may only vary in random weight.

SECTION 9. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 78. (a) The division shall create an employer medical assistance contribution compliance form. Every employer with 6 or more employees, doing business in the commonwealth, shall annually complete and submit the form under oath. The form shall indicate whether the employer has offered to pay or arrange for the purchase of health care insurance and

information about such health care insurance such as the premium cost, benefits offered, cost sharing details, eligibility criteria and other information necessary to implement section 189A of chapter 149; provided, that the information collected through the form shall not be used to deny or terminate MassHealth eligibility for non-disabled persons who would otherwise qualify for a program of medical benefits pursuant to this chapter who have access to employer sponsored health insurance. The division may make arrangements with other agencies of the commonwealth, including the department of unemployment assistance and the department of revenue, to assist with the administration of this section. Employers shall provide supplemental information that is necessary to implement said section 189A of said chapter 149 to the division or its designee, upon request. An employer receiving information that identifies, or could be used to identify, a MassHealth member or recipient of subsidized health insurance shall not use or disclose such information except as authorized by the division.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, information reported under subsection (a) that identifies individual employees by name or health insurance status or is protected health information shall not be a public record under clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 or chapter 66, but the information may be exchanged among the executive office of health and human services, the commonwealth health insurance connector authority, the department of unemployment assistance, the center for health information and analysis and the department of revenue as necessary to implement section 189A of chapter 149. An employer who knowingly falsifies or fails to file any information required by this section, or its implementing regulation, shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000 for each violation.

SECTION 10. Section 78 of chapter 118E is hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. Section 23 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 93, the word "or," and inserting in place thereof the following words:-, including the parents of siblings who have custody of the siblings, or.

SECTION 12. Subsection (a) of section 29B of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the last 2 sentences, and inserting in place thereof the following 4 sentences:- No child under the age of 16 shall have a permanency plan for another permanent planned living arrangement. The department shall file a permanency plan prior to a permanency hearing that shall address the placement alternatives. The court shall consult with the child in an age-appropriate manner about the permanency plan developed for the child, including, for children and young adults whose permanency plan is another permanent planned living arrangement, asking the child or young adult their desired permanency plan. At each hearing where the court determines that the permanency plan for the child is another permanent planned living arrangement, the court shall specify why this plan is in the child's best interest and the compelling reasons why it is not in the child's best interest to: (i) return home; (ii) be placed for adoption; (iii) be placed with a legal guardian; or (iv) be placed in permanent care with relatives.

SECTION 13. Subsection (c) of said section 29B of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:- In the case of a child who has attained age 14 or any young adult, the permanency plan shall also address the services needed to assist the child or young adult in making the transition from foster care to a successful adulthood; provided, however, that the court shall consult with the child or young adult in an age-appropriate manner about the permanency plan. If the permanency plan for the child is another permanent planned living arrangement, the

191 permanency plan shall address the efforts the department has made to place the child or young 192 adult with a parent, relative or in a guardianship or adoption placement. 193 SECTION 14. Section 10 of chapter 183A, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is 194 hereby amended, in line 73, by inserting, after the word "kept", the following:- which shall be 195 made available to unit owners through electronic mail upon request. 196 SECTION 15. Item 1233-2350 of section 2 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016 is hereby 197 amended by striking out the words "State Lottery and Gaming Fund in accordance with clause 198 (c) of the second paragraph of section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws" and inserting in 199 place thereof the following words:- Gaming Local Aid Fund. 200 SECTION 16. Item 9110-1630 of said section 2 of said chapter 133, as amended by 201 section 29 of chapter 283 of the acts of 2016, is hereby further amended by inserting after the 202 words, "case management services and the administration of the home care program" the 203 following words:-; provided further, that the secretary of elder affairs may transfer funds 204 appropriated in this item to item 9110-1500 for the provision of enhanced home care services. 205 SECTION 17. Said item 9110-1630 of said section 2 of said chapter 133, as so amended, 206 is hereby further amended by striking out the words "General Fund......95% 207 208 Community First Trust Fund......5%" 209 and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

General Fund.......86.32%

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211	Community First Trust Fund13.68%.
212	SECTION 18. Item 0940-0101 of section 2 of chapter 47 of the acts of 2017 is hereby
213	amended by striking out the figure "\$2,468,211", each time it appears, and inserting in place
214	thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$3,100,000.
215	SECTION 19. Item 1410-0012 of said section 2 of said chapter 47 is hereby amended by
216	adding after the words "Grace Veterans Program", the following words:-; provided further, that
217	not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Disabled American Veterans, in the city of
218	Lawrence for the purpose of creating a shuttle service for disabled veterans
219	SECTION 20. Said section 2 of said chapter 47 is hereby further amended by inserting
220	after item 1410-0018 the following item:-
221	1410-0022 For the operation of the Serving Every Veteran In Civilian Employment
222	(SERVICE) tax credit under section 2C of chapter 115 of the General Laws
223	\$100,000.
224	SECTION 21. Said section 2 of said chapter 47 is hereby further amended by striking
225	out, in item 1599-1690, in line 1, the figures "1599-1690" and inserting in place thereof the
226	following figures:- 1599-1691.
227	SECTION 22. Said item 1599-1690 of said section 2 of said chapter 47, as amended by
228	section 21, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words "said transfer", the following
229	words:- provided further, that not more than \$13,511,090 from this item shall be expended for
230	payroll costs incurred in fiscal year 2017; and.

SECTION 23. Said section 2 of said chapter 47 is hereby further amended by inserting after item 1599-1977 the following item:-

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1599-2003 For the purpose of funding the Uniform Law Commission; provided, that prior fiscal year payments may be payable from this item......\$50,000

SECTION 24. Said section 2 of said chapter 47 is hereby further amended by inserting after item 1599-1977 the following item:-

1599-3222 For a reserve to fund the administrative costs associated with the implementation of an employer contribution, including, but not limited to, costs of commonwealth personnel, contracts, and the purchase of new information technologies as necessary; provided further, that the secretary may transfer from the sum appropriated herein to other items of appropriation and allocations as are necessary to meet said costs where the amounts otherwise available are insufficient for the purpose, in accordance with a transfer plan, which shall be filed in advance with the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that the executive office of administration and finance shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on or before January 1, 2018, and quarterly thereafter, on the implementation of the contribution established in section 189A of chapter 149 of the General Laws, including but not limited to: (i) a detailed summary of expenditures associated with the implementation of the contribution; (ii) the number of employers subject to the contribution; (iii) the number of employees who receives health insurance coverage through the division of medical assistance; (iv) the number of appeals filed with the division of unemployment assistance, including the status of said appeals; and (v) an estimate of total collections from the contribution for fiscal year 2018; and provided further, that the secretary

SECTION 25. Item 2330-0100 of said section 2 of said chapter 47, is hereby amended by adding the following words:-

; and provided further, that not less than \$450,000 shall be expended for a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for Marine Science and Technology, at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, that applies innovative technology to assess the biomass of fish, in the region managed by the New England Fishery Management Council.

SECTION 26. Said section 2 of said chapter 47 is hereby further amended by inserting after item 4000-0051 the following item:-

4000-0250 For the executive office of health and human services, which may expend for the costs of the operations and maintenance of the health insurance exchange not more than \$15,000,000 from monies received from the Commonwealth Connector Authority; provided, that for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate as reported in the state accounting system; and provided further, that any unspent balance at the close of fiscal year 2018 shall remain in the account and may be expended for this item in fiscal year 2019....\$15,000,000.

SECTION 27. Item 4513-1000 of said section 2 of said chapter 47, is hereby amended by adding after the words "services provided in this line item," the following words:-; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the program's critical congenital heart defects screening activities.

SECTION 28. Said section 2 of said chapter 47 is hereby further amended by striking out item 7002-1075.

SECTION 29. Said section 2 of said chapter 47 is hereby further amended by inserting, after item 7002-1502, the following item:-

SECTION 30. Item 8324-0000 of said section 2 of said chapter 47 is hereby amended by inserting after the words "shall use the split days option", the following words: -; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 100 per cent of the amount appropriated in this item for the administration of the department of fire services, the state fire marshal's office, the Massachusetts firefighting academy, Critical Incident Stress Management programs, the On-Site Academy, other fire training academies, the regional dispatch centers, the radio and dispatch center improvements, and the associated fringe benefits costs of personnel paid from this item for these purposes shall be assessed upon insurance companies writing fire, homeowners multiple peril, or commercial multiple peril policies on property situated in the commonwealth, and paid within 30 days after receiving notice of this assessment from the commissioner of insurance.

SECTION 31. Item 2000-1701 of section 2B of said chapter 47 is hereby amended by striking out the figure "\$1,535,671", and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-\$3,150,000.

SECTION 32. Item 4000-0102 of said section 2B of said chapter 47 is hereby amended by striking out the figure "8,878,161", and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-\$11,914,066.

SECTION 33. Item 1595-1068 of Section 2E of said chapter 47 is hereby amended by striking out item 1595-1068 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

1595-1068 For an operating transfer to the MassHealth provider payment account in the Medical Assistance Trust Fund established in section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that these funds shall be expended for services provided during state or federal fiscal

year 2016, 2017 or 2018 or for public hospital transformation and incentive initiative payments
for state fiscal year 2017 or 2018 or for Medicaid care organization payments under 42 CFR
438.6(c) for rate year 2018; provided further, that all payments from the Medical Assistance
Trust Fund shall be: (i) subject to the availability of federal financial participation; (ii) made only
under federally-approved payment methods; (iii) consistent with federal funding requirements
and all federal payment limits as determined by the secretary of health and human services; and
(iv) subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement with the executive office of health and
human services; provided further, that the secretary of health and human services shall notify, in
writing, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health
care financing of increases or decreases in any payments made within the term of the current
1115 waiver or other state plan amendments within 15 days; and provided further, that the
secretary of health and human services will utilize funds from the Medical Assistance Trust Fund
to make payments of up to \$492,955,903 to the Cambridge public health commission or to
Medicaid care organizations for payment to the Cambridge public health commission if the
Cambridge public health commission, in anticipation of receiving such payments, first
voluntarily transfers an amount equal to the non-federal share of such payments to the Medical
Assistance Trust Fund using a federally-permissible source of funds \$747,100,000.
SECTION 34. Section 2E of said chapter 47 is hereby amended by inserting after item
1595-1069 the following item:-

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Department of Career Services

1595-1075 For an operating transfer to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund established in Section 2WWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws......\$1,000,000.

SECTION 35. Chapter 63 of the acts of 2017 is hereby amended by striking out section 15 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 15. Sections 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

SECTION 36. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any unexpended balances, not exceeding a total of \$20,000,000, in items 4000-0600, 4000-0700, and 4000-1425 of section 2 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016, as amended, shall not revert to the General Fund until October 31, 2017 and may be expended by the executive office of health and human services to pay for services enumerated in said items 4000-0600, 4000-0700, and 4000-1425 provided during fiscal year 2017.

SECTION 37. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and human services, with the written approval of the secretary of administration and finance, may authorize transfers of surplus among items 4000-0320, 4000-0430, 4000-0500, 4000-0600, 4000-0640, 4000-0700, 4000-0875, 4000-0880, 4000-0885, 4000-0940, 4000-0950, 4000-0990, 4000-1400, 4000-1420, and 4000-1425 for the purpose of reducing any deficiency in these items, but any such transfer shall be made not later than October 31, 2017.

SECTION 38. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, payments from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws may be made either as safety net care payments under the commonwealth's waiver pursuant to section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act or as an adjustment to Title XIX service rate payments or a combination of both. Other federally permissible funding mechanisms available

for public service hospitals, as defined by regulations of the executive office of health and human services, may be used to reimburse up to \$70,000,000 of uncompensated care pursuant to said sections 66 and 69 of said chapter 118E using sources distinct from the funding made available to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.

SECTION 39. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office for administration and finance may transfer up to \$15,000,000 from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established in section 2000 of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws.

SECTION 40. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, unexpended balances from item 7004-9024 of section 2 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016 shall revert to the General Fund at the end of fiscal year 2017.

SECTION 41. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, before the close of fiscal year 2017 and upon the recommendation of the secretary of administration and finance and the secretary of health and human services, or their designees, the comptroller shall adjust any fiscal year 2017 appropriation fund split against or transferred out of the Community First Trust Fund established in section 35AAA of chapter 10 of the General Laws to match final department fiscal year 2017 Community First Trust Fund expenditures.

SECTION 42. Notwithstanding section 10 of chapter 70B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, in determining the grant percentage for the fiscal year 2018 approved school projects, the Massachusetts school building authority shall calculate the community poverty factor by examining the proportion of economically disadvantaged

382	students, commencing with calendar year 2015 to present and assigning whichever year's factor
383	is the highest, as determined by the department of elementary and secondary education.
384	SECTION 43. Section 42 is hereby repealed.
385	SECTION 44. Section 43 shall take effect on June 30, 2018.
386	SECTION 45. Section 10 shall take effect on December 31, 2019.