

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4015**

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 8, 2017.

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the Bill providing for immediate capital improvement needs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3968), reports, in part, that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4015) ought to pass. [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$244,000,000.00]

For the committee,

JEFFREY SÁNCHEZ.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)  
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An Act providing for immediate capital improvement needs of the Commonwealth.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the immediate capital improvement 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:*

1           SECTION 1. To provide for a program to protect, repair and improve the capital  
2 facilities of the commonwealth, for a program of capital asset acquisitions, dispositions and other  
3 improvements for general government operations, and for a capital outlay program to achieve the  
4 deployment of broadband access for citizens of the Commonwealth, the sums set forth in  
5 sections 2 and 2A, inclusive, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in  
6 this act are hereby made available, subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public  
7 funds, which sums shall be in addition to any other amounts previously appropriated for these  
8 purposes.

9           SECTION 2.

10           EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

*Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance*

4000-2024 For costs associated with planning and studies, dispositions, acquisition of land and buildings and interests therein by purchase, prepayment of lease for a term that exceeds the useful life of the facility, gift or other transfer or by eminent domain pursuant to chapter 79 of the General Laws, for the preparation of plans and specifications, repairs, construction, renovations, improvements, modernization, construction, reconstruction, furnishing, equipping, acquiring, remodeling, refurbishing, asset management, accessibility improvements, demolition, disposition and remediation of facilities and grounds operated by the various departments within the executive office for health and human services, all as the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the secretary of health and human services and the appropriate commissioners of the departments within the executive office, shall consider appropriate; provided further, that \$199,000,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of a new facility named the “Soldier’s Home in Chelsea”, an approximately 154-bed community living center for long-term care for veterans in the city of Chelsea to replace Quigley Memorial Hospital; provided further, that costs payable from this item shall include, but not be limited to, the costs of leases of temporary relocation space or equipment as required for completion of the project; provided further, that any federal reimbursement received by a state agency including, but not limited to, the project related to the provision of health care, human services and veterans’ services in connection with projects funded from this item may be retained by the executive office for administration and finance and expended for the purposes of the project, without further appropriation, in addition to the amounts appropriated in this item.....\$199,000,000

SECTION 2A.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Office of the Secretary*

1599-7065 For a grant program to cities, towns, regional organizations whose membership is exclusively composed of municipal governments to provide funding for capital purposes, including, but not limited to technical assistance, planning and studies, preparation of plans, designs and specifications, construction, modernization, and reconstruction of facilities, infrastructure, equipment and other capital assets, related to the development, extension and deployment of broadband infrastructure under guidelines adopted by the secretary of housing and economic development.....\$32,000,000

1599-7066 For the Broadband Incentive Fund established by section 6C of chapter 40J of the General Laws.....\$13,000,000

SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an amount to be specified by the governor, from time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$199,000,000. All such bonds issued by the commonwealth shall be designated on their face, Chelsea Soldiers' Home Capital Improvement Act of 2017, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not exceeding 30 years, as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. The bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2052. All interest and payments on account of principal on these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest thereon issued pursuant to this section shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 4. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2A, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an amount to be specified by the governor from, time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$45,000,000. All such bonds issued by the commonwealth shall be designated on their face, Broadband Solutions Act of 2017, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not exceeding 20 years, as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. The bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2042. All interest and payments on account of principal on these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest thereon issued pursuant to this section shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the bonds that the state treasurer may issue pursuant to section 2 of this act shall be issued for terms not to exceed 30 years. All such bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2052, as recommended by the governor in a message to the general court dated May 31, 2017, under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the bonds that the state treasurer may issue pursuant to section 2A of this act shall be issued for terms not to exceed 20 years. All such bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2042, as recommended by the governor in a message to the general court dated May 31, 2017, under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution.