HOUSE No. 4374

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 9, 2018.

The committee on Revenue to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1950) of Jay R. Kaufman and James R. Miceli for legislation to require estimated amounts of appropriations for a subsequent fiscal year on appropriation bills, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4374) ought to pass [Mr. Dooley of Norfolk dissents].

For the committee,

JAY R. KAUFMAN.

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

An Act requiring appropriation bills to include estimated amounts for the following fiscal year.

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. Section 6D of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:-
- In addition, each such appropriation proposed by the governor or enacted by the general
- 4 court shall include in numeric figures the estimated amount of that appropriation for the fiscal
- 5 year following the fiscal year for which it is made, but that estimated amount is only for planning
- 6 purposes and does not constitute an authorization to expend.
- 7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.