

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2046**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court**  
**(2017-2018)**  
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SENATE, Wednesday, April 5, 2016

The committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, to whom was referred the House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 2783),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2046.

For the committee,  
John F. Keenan

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1           SECTION 1. To provide for a program of transportation development and improvements,  
2 the sums set forth in sections 2, 2A, and 2B for the several purposes and subject to the conditions  
3 specified in this act, are hereby made available, subject to the laws regulating the disbursement  
4 of public funds. The sums made available in this act shall be in addition to any amounts  
5 previously appropriated or made available for these purposes.

6           SECTION 2.

7                           **MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

8   Highway Division

9           6122-1720. For grants to municipalities for the construction and reconstruction of  
10 municipal ways as described in clause (b) of the second paragraph of section 4 of chapter 6C of  
11 the General Laws; provided, that a city or town shall comply with the procedures established by  
12 the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; provided further, that a city or town may  
13 expend, without further appropriation, for these projects amounts not in excess of the amount  
14 provided to the city or town under this item upon preliminary notice of such amount; provided  
15 further, that the commonwealth shall reimburse a city or town under this item, subject to the

16 availability of funds as provided in section 9G of chapter 29 of the General Laws, within 30 days  
17 after receipt by the department of a request for reimbursement from the city or town, which  
18 request shall include certification by the city or town that actual expenses have been incurred on  
19 projects eligible for reimbursement under this item and that the work has been completed to the  
20 satisfaction of the city or town according to the specifications of the project and in compliance  
21 with applicable laws and procedures established by the department; and provided further, that not  
22 more than \$200,000,000 per fiscal year shall be made available for reimbursement under this  
23 item ..... \$400,000,000

24 SECTION 2A.

25 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

26 Rail and Transit Division

27 6622-1787. For the purposes of implementing and supporting the mobility assistance  
28 program pursuant to section 13 of chapter 637 of the acts of 1983 that improves transportation  
29 for elderly persons and persons with disabilities through vehicle and equipment purchases for  
30 regional transit authorities, councils on aging and other transit providers; provided that funds  
31 may also be expended for regional intercity bus and intermodal services and for programming  
32 and technical assistance to regional transit authorities and other transit providers  
33 .....\$30,000,000

34 SECTION 2B.

35 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

36 Massachusetts Office of Information Technology

37           1790-3005. For costs associated with planning and studies, the preparation of plans and  
38 specifications, purchase, procurement and implementation of information technology-related  
39 equipment and related projects necessary for replacing the core operational system at the  
40 Registry of Motor Vehicles .....  
41 \$60,000,000

42           SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2, the state  
43 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an  
44 amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate,  
45 \$400,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid shall be designated on their  
46 face, Municipal Ways Act of 2017, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not  
47 exceeding 20 years, as the governor herein recommends to the general court under section 3 of  
48 Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution; provided, however, that all such bonds shall  
49 be payable not later than June 30, 2042. All interest and payments on account of principal on  
50 these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Notwithstanding any other general or  
51 special law to the contrary, bonds issued under this section and interest thereon shall be general  
52 obligations of the commonwealth.

53           SECTION 4. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2A, the state  
54 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an  
55 amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate,  
56 \$30,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid shall be designated on their  
57 face, Municipal Ways Act of 2017, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not  
58 exceeding 20 years, as the governor herein recommends to the general court under section 3 of  
59 Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution; provided, however, that all such bonds shall

60 be payable not later than June 30, 2042. All interest and payments on account of principal on  
61 these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Notwithstanding any other general or  
62 special law to the contrary, bonds issued under this section and interest thereon shall be general  
63 obligations of the commonwealth.

64 SECTION 5. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2B, the state  
65 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an  
66 amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate,  
67 \$60,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid shall be designated on their  
68 face, Municipal Ways Act of 2017, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not  
69 exceeding 10 years, as the governor herein recommends to the general court under section 3 of  
70 Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution; provided, however, that all such bonds shall  
71 be payable not later than June 30, 2032. All interest and payments on account of principal on  
72 these obligations shall be payable from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund.  
73 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, bonds issued under this section  
74 and interest thereon shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

75 SECTION 6. The County Bridge spanning the Connecticut River, connecting South  
76 Hadley and the city of Holyoke, Bridge No. H-21-001, shall be designated and known as the  
77 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge in honor and recognition of all the men and women who  
78 served their country in the Vietnam War. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall  
79 erect and maintain suitable markers bearing the designation in compliance with the standards of  
80 the department.