

SENATE No. 2047

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, Wednesday, April 5, 2017

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 2783) (the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets having recommended that the bill be amended by substituting a new text (Senate, No. 2046); 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 2047.

For the committee,
Karen E. Spilka

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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 of
4 public funds. The sums made available in this act shall be in addition to any amounts previously
5 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, which shall
15 be provided by the department to the city or town not later than March 1 of each year; provided
16 further, that the commonwealth shall reimburse a city or town under this item, subject to the

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

25 SECTION 2A.

26 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

27 Rail and Transit Division

28 6622-1787. For the purposes of implementing and supporting the mobility assistance
29 program pursuant to section 13 of chapter 637 of the acts of 1983 that improves transportation
30 for elderly persons and persons with disabilities through vehicle and equipment purchases for
31 regional transit authorities, councils on aging and other transit providers; provided, that funds
32 may also be expended for regional intercity bus and intermodal services and for programming
33 and technical assistance to regional transit authorities and other transit providers
34 \$30,000,000

35 SECTION 2B.

36 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

37 Massachusetts Office of Information Technology

38 1790-3005. For costs associated with planning and studies, the preparation of plans and
39 specifications, purchase, procurement and implementation of information technology-related
40 equipment and related projects necessary for replacing the core operational system at the registry
41 of motor vehicles \$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 may recommend to the general court pursuant to 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 general or special
51 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 may recommend to the general court pursuant to 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 general or special
62 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 may recommend to the general court pursuant to 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 general or special law to the contrary, bonds issued under this section and
74 interest thereon shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

75 SECTION 6. Bridge No. H-21-001, the county bridge spanning the Connecticut river and
76 connecting the town of South Hadley and the city of Holyoke, shall be designated and known as
77 the 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.