

HOUSE No. 4430

Text of a further amendment, offered by Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2626) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4345). February 3, 2022.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

By striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the following:—

1 “SECTION 1. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to
2 provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations and to meet certain requirements
3 of law, the sum set forth in section 2A is hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless
4 specifically designated otherwise in this act, for the several purposes and subject to the
5 conditions specified in this act and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
6 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. This sum shall be made available until June 30,
7 2022.

8 SECTION 2A.

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

10 Reserves

11 1599-0080 For a reserve to support the establishment and expansion of 2019 novel
12 coronavirus testing locations, to be determined in consultation with the executive office of health
13 and human services and the department of public health, and the purchase of 2019 novel
14 coronavirus tests; provided, that such testing locations shall include, but not be limited to,
15 community health centers, regional vaccination clinics, urgent care centers and other nonprofit
16 organizations; provided further, that organizations receiving funds from this item for on-site
17 testing shall provide walk-up appointments; provided further, that funds may be expended for
18 staffing at such locations; provided further, that funds shall be expended for 2019 novel
19 coronavirus rapid antigen tests for: (i) elementary and secondary public school districts, charter
20 schools and educational collaboratives approved pursuant to section 4E of chapter 40 of the
21 General Laws for the safe opening and operations of school facilities; (ii) early education and
22 care programs; (iii) congregate care facilities including, but not limited to, nursing facilities; (iv)
23 health care workers including, but not limited to, personal care attendants, home care aides,
24 homemakers and home health aides; (v) early intervention programs certified by the department
25 of public health; and (vi) homeless shelters; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall
26 be expended for efforts to increase vaccination rates among the population of children ages 5 to
27 11, inclusive; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to support
28 expanded infrastructure and staff capacity at community health centers to deliver 2019 novel
29 coronavirus vaccines in communities with low vaccination rates and increased on-site testing;
30 provided further, that such community health centers shall utilize all sources of vaccine delivery
31 staff available to them under the department of public health's rules and regulations including,
32 but not limited to, enrolled medical students; provided further, that the department shall develop,
33 publicly advertise and administer on an ongoing basis a depository of volunteers willing and

34 eligible to administer 2019 novel coronavirus vaccines in community health centers and
35 community-based and faith-based organizations delivering vaccines with limited staffing;
36 provided further, that said funding shall prioritize efforts to maximize a culturally, linguistically
37 and ethnically competent workforce as it relates to vaccine delivery; provided further, that funds
38 shall be made available to the department of public health to provide, in consultation with the
39 Massachusetts cultural council, a grant program for arts organizations, culture creators,
40 influencers and local cultural organizations to promote vaccine awareness, education and
41 adoption in an effort to increase vaccination rates; provided further, that the program shall
42 prioritize grant applicants with demonstrated connections to, understanding of, penetration in and
43 credibility in communities with low vaccination rates and that focus on and represent culturally,
44 linguistically and ethnically diverse communities; provided further, that funds shall be made
45 available for the staffing and administration of the program; provided further, that not later than
46 March 15, 2022, the department shall provide a report to the house and senate committees on
47 ways and means on the status of the grant program including, but not limited to: (i) grant criteria
48 used in evaluating applicants; (ii) the number of applications received; (iii) the number of
49 successful applicants to date; (iv) the communities in which successful applicants are focused;
50 and (v) the grant award amounts to date by applicant; provided further, that not less than
51 \$7,000,000 shall be expended to support technical assistance to local community groups and
52 organizations conducting outreach and education including, but not limited to, holding vaccine
53 clinics related to 2019 novel coronavirus vaccines in communities disproportionately impacted
54 by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that said funds shall support
55 culturally, linguistically and ethnically appropriate materials and staff to conduct 2019 novel
56 coronavirus vaccine outreach and education; provided further, that prioritization for such funds

57 shall be given to organizations with experience providing grant-making and capacity-building
58 assistance services to assist community-based and faith-based organizations with 2019 novel
59 coronavirus pandemic mitigation and vaccination program activities in communities
60 disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; provided further, that such outreach and education
61 efforts shall continue for not less than 6 months after funds are received; provided further, that
62 funds may be made available for vaccine incentive programs; provided further, that funds shall
63 be expended to the COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Initiative for efforts to increase the rate of
64 vaccination and booster shots in communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel
65 coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that funds shall be expended to support the
66 implementation of the comprehensive COVID-19 vaccination equity plan established in section
67 30; provided further, that funds may be made available to the Massachusetts Growth Capital
68 Corporation to provide 2019 novel coronavirus rapid antigen tests to small businesses operating
69 in the commonwealth; provided further, that funds may be made available for a multilingual
70 communications outreach plan to disseminate information to communities disproportionately
71 impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus; provided further, that the outreach plan shall include,
72 but not be limited to: (i) the purpose and public health benefits of frequent rapid antigen testing;
73 (ii) where and how to access free 2019 novel coronavirus rapid antigen tests; (iii) how to use
74 such tests at home, in school, in the workplace and in other settings; and (iv) appropriate steps to
75 take if a test comes back positive; provided further, that funds shall be prioritized for
76 communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided
77 further, that funds shall be distributed in a manner that promotes geographic equity; provided
78 further, that the administration shall pursue the highest allowable rate of federal reimbursement

79 for all eligible expenditures from this item; and provided further, that funds shall be distributed
80 not later than February 28, 2022.....\$50,000,000

81 1599-0767 For a reserve to support the acquisition and distribution of high-quality
82 personal protective masks for: (i) children, staff and faculty in elementary and secondary public
83 school districts, charter schools, approved special education schools and educational
84 collaboratives approved pursuant to section 4E of chapter 40 of the General Laws; (ii) children,
85 staff and faculty in early education and care programs; (iii) personnel and residents in congregate
86 care facilities including, but not limited to, nursing facilities; (iv) health care workers including,
87 but not limited to, personal care attendants, home care aides, homemakers and home health
88 aides; (v) staff in early intervention programs certified by the department of public health; and
89 (vi) homeless shelters; provided, that such masks shall include, but not be limited to, N95 masks
90 and KN95 masks; provided further, that such masks shall be distributed not later than February
91 28, 2022; provided further, that such masks, to the maximum extent practicable, shall be in
92 alignment with the guidance issued under section 31; provided further, that funds shall be
93 prioritized for communities disproportionately impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic;
94 provided further, that funds shall be distributed in a manner that promotes geographic equity;
95 provided further, that the administration shall pursue the highest allowable rate of federal
96 reimbursement for all eligible expenditures from this item; provided further, that the executive
97 office for administration and finance, in consultation with the department of elementary and
98 secondary education, the department of early education and care and the executive office of
99 health and human services, shall make available on a public website the: (i) total number of
100 masks purchased, including the total number of each type of mask purchased; (ii) total number of
101 masks distributed; (iii) school districts, charter schools, approved special education schools and

102 educational collaboratives approved pursuant to said section 4E of said chapter 40 to which they
103 were distributed; (iv) early education and care programs to which they were distributed; (v)
104 congregate care facilities to which they were distributed; and (vi) number of masks distributed
105 for health care workers, broken down by type of worker; and provided further, that the executive
106 office for administration and finance shall report on said public website: (i) the number of rapid
107 antigen tests purchased after January 1, 2022; (ii) the number of tests distributed; and (iii) the
108 recipients to which the tests were distributed\$25,000,000

109 1599-0768 For the department of unemployment assistance to maximize the reach of
110 the public information campaign required under section 76 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021 and
111 promote awareness of the ability to seek a redetermination of a decision pursuant to section 23 in
112 a culturally, linguistically and ethnically diverse manner that includes multi-lingual, plain
113 language communication to each affected claimant in their preferred language, that promotes
114 equity and reaches underserved and underrepresented individuals and that includes detailed
115 information on how to request an appeal; provided, that detailed information on how to request
116 an appeal shall also be posted prominently within the unemployment insurance online and
117 pandemic unemployment assistance portals; provided further, that the department shall pursue
118 the highest allowable rate of federal reimbursement for all eligible expenditures from this
119 item.....\$1,000,000

120 SECTION 3. Section 75 of chapter 260 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by striking
121 out the words “January 1” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- July 31.

122 SECTION 4. The first sentence of the first paragraph of section 11 of chapter 16 of the
123 acts of 2021, as amended by section 3 of chapter 55 of the acts of 2021, is hereby further

124 amended by striking out the figure “\$60,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following
125 figure:- \$85,000,000.

126 SECTION 5. Said section 11 of said chapter 16, as so amended, is hereby further
127 amended by striking out the figure “\$75,000,000”, both times it appears, and inserting in place
128 thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$100,000,000.

129 SECTION 6. The first paragraph of said section 11 of said chapter 16, as so amended, is
130 hereby further amended by striking out the second sentence.

131 SECTION 7. Section 23 of chapter 20 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by striking
132 out the words “December 15, 2021” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- July 15,
133 2022.

134 SECTION 8. Said chapter 20 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 26 the
135 following section:-

136 SECTION 26A. Section 20 is hereby repealed.

137 SECTION 9. Section 27 of said chapter 20 is hereby amended by striking out the figure
138 “20,”.

139 SECTION 10 Said chapter 20 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 30 the
140 following section:-

141 SECTION 30A. Section 26A shall take effect on July 15, 2022.

142 SECTION 11. Section 89 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by
143 striking out the words “July 31, 2022”, both times they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in
144 each instance, the following words:- December 31, 2022.

145 SECTION 12. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context
146 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

147 “Principal”, a person who is signing a document under this section as a principal or as a
148 credible witness, as those terms are defined in section 1 of chapter 222 of the General Laws.

149 “Satisfactory evidence of identity”, (i) identification of an individual based on at least 1
150 current document issued by a federal or state government agency bearing the photographic image
151 of the individual’s face and signature; or (ii) identification of an individual based on the notary
152 public’s personal knowledge of the identity of the principal.

153 (b) In order to address the disruptions caused by the outbreak of the 2019 novel
154 coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, and subsequent variants, a notary public appointed
155 pursuant to chapter 222 of the General Laws may perform an acknowledgement, affirmation or
156 other notarial act under said chapter 222 utilizing electronic video conferencing in real time as
157 provided in this section. A principal in any such notarial act may act individually or in a
158 representative capacity.

159 (c)(1) An acknowledgment, affirmation or other notarial act utilizing electronic video
160 conferencing pursuant to this section shall be valid and effective if:

161 (i) the notary public observes each principal’s execution of a document;

162 (ii) both the notary public and each principal are physically located within the
163 commonwealth;

164 (iii) each principal provides the notary public with satisfactory evidence of identity;
165 provided, however, that if the principal is not a United States citizen, a valid passport or other
166 government-issued identification credential that evidences the principal's nationality or residence
167 and that bears the photographic image of the principal's face and signature shall constitute
168 satisfactory evidence of identity; provided further, that if the satisfactory evidence of identity is a
169 government-issued identification credential, the principal shall both visually display the
170 principal's identification credential to the notary public during the electronic video conference
171 and shall transmit to the notary public a copy of the front and back of the identification
172 credential, either with the executed document or separately through electronic means; provided
173 further, that if the principal's identification credential is a United States or foreign passport book,
174 a copy of the front cover and page displaying the principal's photograph, name and signature
175 shall be a sufficient copy; and provided further, that a copy of any such identification credential
176 shall be retained for a period of 10 years by the notary public, who shall keep it secure and
177 confidential in accordance with state and federal law;

178 (iv) each principal makes the acknowledgement, affirmation or other act to the notary
179 public, as appropriate;

180 (v) a principal causes the executed document to be delivered to the notary public by
181 delivery service, courier or other means in accordance with the notary public's instructions; and

182 (vi) with respect to any document requiring notarization and executed in the course of
183 closing a transaction involving a mortgage or other conveyance of title to real estate, upon

184 receipt of the executed document, the notary public and each principal engage in a second video
185 conference during which each principal verifies to the notary public that the document received
186 by the notary public is the same document executed during the first video conference.

187 During any video conference pursuant to this section, each principal shall: (A) swear or
188 affirm under the penalties of perjury that the principal is physically located within the
189 commonwealth; and (B) make a disclosure of any person present in the room with the principal
190 and make that person viewable to the notary public.

191 (2) Upon completion of the process under paragraph (1), the notary public may affix the
192 notary public's stamp and signature to the executed document, whereupon the notarial act shall
193 be completed.

194 (3) The notarial certificate attached to the executed document shall include a recital
195 indicating that the document was notarized remotely pursuant to this section. The certificate shall
196 recite the county in which the notary public was located at the time that the notarial act was
197 completed and shall recite the date that the notarial act was completed; provided, however, that
198 the failure to include any of the recitals required by this subsection shall not affect the validity or
199 recordability of the document; and provided further, that with respect to a document being
200 notarized in connection with a mortgage financing transaction, the notarial certificate may recite
201 the date stated within the body of the document, even if that date precedes the date of completion
202 of the notarial act.

203 (4) The notary public shall execute an affidavit confirming under the penalties of perjury
204 that the notary public has: (i) received a copy of each principal's current identification credential
205 and visually inspected the credential during the initial video conference with the principal, if

206 applicable; (ii) obtained each principal's verbal assent to the recording of the electronic video
207 conference; (iii) taken each principal's affirmations as to physical presence of the principal
208 within the commonwealth; and (iv) been informed of and noted on the affidavit any person
209 present in the room, including a statement of the relationship of any person in the room to the
210 principal. The affidavit shall be retained for a period of 10 years by the notary public.

211 (5) With respect to any will, nomination of guardian or conservator, caregiver
212 authorization affidavit, trust, durable power of attorney, health care proxy or authorization under
213 the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, the document shall be
214 complete when all original counterparts and the notary public's affidavit are compiled.

215 (6) Each notary public who performs a notarial act utilizing electronic video conferencing
216 pursuant to this section shall create an audio and video recording of the performance of the
217 notarial act; provided, that the audio and video recording shall be retained for a period of 10
218 years by the notary public.

219 (d) A document executed, acknowledged or notarized pursuant to this section shall be a
220 properly executed, acknowledged and notarized document for all legal purposes in the
221 commonwealth, including, but not limited to, for recording with the registry of deeds of any
222 county, for filing as a valid will and for filing or recording with any other state, local or federal
223 agency, court, department or office.

224 With respect to any such document recorded in a registry of deeds or filed with a registry
225 district of the land court: (i) the affidavit required pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (c)
226 shall not be required to be recorded or filed; and (ii) a principal's being subsequently determined
227 to have been physically located outside of the commonwealth during any video conference or a

228 principal's having failed to accurately disclose the presence or identity of others in the room
229 during any video conference, in either case, shall not constitute grounds to set aside the title to
230 real property acquired by an arm's length third-party mortgagee or purchaser for value.

231 The expiration, repeal or amendment of this section shall not affect the validity of a
232 notarial act completed while this section is in effect and performed in accordance with the terms
233 of this section.

234 (e) The signature of any witness who participates in the electronic video conference and
235 whose signature is notarized pursuant to this section shall be valid as if the witness had been
236 present to sign in person. A document signed on multiple pages or in multiple locations within
237 the commonwealth or in multiple counterparts shall be valid and effective if it is otherwise in
238 conformity with this section.

239 (f)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, with respect to any
240 document requiring notarization and executed in the course of closing a transaction involving a
241 mortgage or other conveyance of title to real estate or with respect to any will, nomination of
242 guardian or conservator, caregiver authorization affidavit, trust, durable power of attorney, health
243 care proxy or authorization under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
244 of 1996:

245 (i) only a notary public appointed pursuant to chapter 222 of the General Laws who is an
246 attorney licensed to practice law in the commonwealth or a paralegal under the direct supervision
247 of such an attorney, shall perform an acknowledgment, affirmation or other notarial act utilizing
248 electronic video conferencing in real time as provided in this section; and

249 (ii) if the notary public is a paralegal, any copy of a principal's identification credential
250 required to be retained pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (c), the affidavit required pursuant
251 to paragraph (4) of subsection (c), and the audio and video recording required to be retained
252 pursuant to paragraph (6) of subsection (c), shall be retained by the notary public's supervising
253 attorney.

254 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, with respect to any
255 document requiring notarization and executed in the course of closing a transaction involving a
256 mortgage or other conveyance of title to real estate, if the principal proves their identity by a
257 government-issued identification credential in accordance with said paragraph (1) of said
258 subsection (c) and the principal is not otherwise personally known to the notary public, the
259 principal shall display a secondary form of identification containing the principal's name to the
260 notary public during the initial video conference, which may contain the principal's photograph,
261 signature or be issued by a government entity. Acceptable secondary forms of identification shall
262 include, but not be limited to, a credit or debit card, a social security card, a municipal tax bill or
263 a utility bill; provided, however, that any such municipal tax or utility bill is dated within 60 days
264 of the first video conference.

265 (3) Nothing in this section shall affect any law or regulation governing, authorizing or
266 prohibiting the practice of law, including, but not limited to, the requirement that the closing of a
267 transaction involving a mortgage or other conveyance of title to real estate may only be
268 conducted by an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the commonwealth.

269 SECTION 13. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context
270 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

271 “COVID-19”, the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, and
272 subsequent variants.

273 “COVID-19 rule”, an executive order, order of the commissioner of public health,
274 declaration, directive or other state or federal authorization, policy, statement, guidance, rule-
275 making, regulation or otherwise applicable law that waives, suspends or modifies otherwise
276 applicable state or federal law, regulations or standards regarding either: (i) scope of practice or
277 conditions of licensure, including modifications authorizing health care professionals licensed in
278 another state to practice in the commonwealth; or (ii) the delivery of care, including those
279 regarding the standard of care, the site at which care is delivered or the equipment used to deliver
280 care, during the outbreak of COVID-19.

281 “Health care services”, services provided by a health care facility or health care
282 professional, regardless of location, that involve the: (i) treatment, diagnosis, prevention or
283 mitigation of COVID-19; (ii) assessment or care of an individual with a confirmed or suspected
284 case of COVID-19; or (iii) care of any other individual who presents at a health care facility or to
285 a health care professional during the outbreak of COVID-19.

286 “Damages”, injury or loss of property or personal injury or death, including economic or
287 non-economic losses.

288 “Good faith”, shall, without limitation, include acts or omissions undertaken consistent
289 with the guidelines for crisis standards of care during COVID-19, issued by the department of
290 public health, and exclude, without limitation: (i) acts or omissions based on race, ethnicity,
291 national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity; (ii) deceptive acts or
292 practices; and (iii) fraud.

293 “Health care facility”, (i) hospitals, including acute and chronic disease rehabilitation
294 hospitals, as licensed under section 51 of chapter 111 of the General Laws; (ii) state hospitals,
295 mental health centers and other mental health facilities under the control of the department of
296 mental health pursuant to section 7 of chapter 19 of the General Laws; (iii) hospitals operated by
297 the department of public health pursuant to section 62I of chapter 111 of the General Laws,
298 section 69E of said chapter 111 and chapter 122 of the General Laws; (iv) psychiatric hospitals,
299 as licensed under section 19 of said chapter 19; (v) skilled nursing facilities, as licensed under
300 section 71 of said chapter 111; (vi) assisted living residences, as defined in section 1 of chapter
301 19D of the General Laws; (vii) rest homes, as referenced in said section 71 of said chapter 111;
302 (viii) community health centers, as defined in 130 CMR 405.000 and mental health centers, as
303 defined in 130 CMR 429.000; (ix) home health agencies that participate in Medicare; (x) clinics,
304 as licensed under said section 51 of said chapter 111; or (xi) sites designated by the
305 commissioner of public health to provide COVID-19 health care services, including, but not
306 limited to, step-down skilled nursing facilities, field hospitals and hotels.

307 “Health care professional”, an individual, whether acting as an agent, volunteer,
308 contractor, employee or otherwise, who is: (i) authorized to provide health care services pursuant
309 to licensure or certification by the board of registration in medicine, the board of registration in
310 nursing, the board of respiratory care, the board of registration of nursing home administrators,
311 the board of registration in pharmacy, the board of registration of physician assistants, the board
312 of allied health professionals, the board of allied mental health and human services professions,
313 the board of registration of social workers or the board of registration of psychologists; (ii) a
314 student or trainee in their approved medical professional services academic training program;
315 (iii) a nursing attendant or certified nursing aide, including an individual who is providing care as

316 part of the individual’s approved nursing attendant or certified nurse aide training program; (iv)
317 certified, accredited or approved under chapter 111C of the General Laws to provide emergency
318 medical services; (v) a nurse or home health aide employed by home health agency that
319 participates in Medicare; (vi) providing health care services within the scope of authority or
320 license permitted by a COVID-19 rule; or (vii) a health care facility administrator, executive,
321 supervisor, board member, trustee or other person responsible for directing, supervising or
322 managing a health care facility or its personnel.

323 “Volunteer organization”, an organization, company or institution that makes its facility
324 available to support the commonwealth’s response and activities during the outbreak of COVID-
325 19.

326 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, except as provided in
327 subsection (c), health care professionals and health care facilities shall be immune from suit and
328 civil liability for any damages alleged to have been sustained by an act or omission by the health
329 care professional or health care facility in the course of providing health care services during the
330 outbreak of COVID-19; provided, however, that: (i) the health care facility or health care
331 professional is arranging for or providing health care services pursuant to a COVID-19 rule and
332 in accordance with otherwise applicable law; (ii) arranging for or providing care or treatment of
333 the individual was impacted by the health care facility’s or health care professional’s decisions or
334 activities in response to treatment conditions resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19 or
335 COVID-19 rules; and (iii) the health care facility or health care professional is arranging for or
336 providing health care services in good faith.

337 (c) The immunity provided in subsection (b) shall not apply: (i) if the damage was caused
338 by an act or omission constituting gross negligence, recklessness or conduct with an intent to
339 harm or to discriminate based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, sexual
340 orientation or gender identity by a health care facility or health care professional providing health
341 care services; (ii) to consumer protection actions brought by the attorney general; or (iii) to false
342 claims actions brought by or on behalf of the commonwealth.

343 (d) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a volunteer organization
344 shall be immune from suit and civil liability for any damages occurring in or at the volunteer
345 organization's facility where the damage arises from use of the facility for the commonwealth's
346 response and activities related to the outbreak of COVID-19, unless it is established that the
347 damages were caused by the volunteer organization's gross negligence, recklessness or conduct
348 with an intent to harm.

349 SECTION 14. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, subsections
350 (b) and (c) of section 91 of chapter 32 of the General Laws shall not apply in calendar year 2022
351 to the following 2 categories of persons for hours worked and earnings received during the
352 outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, and subsequent variants:

353 (i) any person who has been retired and who is receiving a pension or retirement
354 allowance, pursuant to said chapter 32 or any other general or special law, from the
355 commonwealth or a county, city, town, district or authority; or

356 (ii) any person whose employment in the service of the commonwealth or a county, city,
357 town, district or authority has been terminated, pursuant to said chapter 32 or any other general
358 or special law, by reason of having attained an age specified in a general or special law or by the

359 rules and regulations of any department or agency of the commonwealth or a county, city, town,
360 district or authority without being entitled to any pension or retirement allowance.

361 These 2 categories of persons may, during calendar year 2022 and subject to all other
362 laws, rules and regulations governing the employment of persons in the commonwealth or a
363 county, city, town, district or authority, be employed in the service of the commonwealth or a
364 county, city, town, district or authority, including as a consultant or independent contractor or as
365 a person whose regular duties require that such person's time be devoted to the service of the
366 commonwealth, county, city, town, district or authority during regular business hours.

367 (b) This section shall not apply to individuals who retired under a general or special law
368 on disability.

369 SECTION 15. (a) Notwithstanding section 13 of chapter 39 of the General Laws or any
370 other general or special law, charter provision, ordinance or by-law to the contrary, a town may
371 act by vote of its select board or board of selectmen, in consultation and with the approval of the
372 town moderator, to prescribe the number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any town
373 meeting held during the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, and
374 subsequent variants, at a number that is less than the number that would otherwise be required by
375 law, town by-law or town charter; provided, however, that the number of voters necessary to
376 constitute a quorum shall not be less than 10 per cent of the number that would otherwise be
377 required.

378 (b) The select board or board of selectmen shall publish notice of its intention to consider
379 an adjustment of town meeting quorum requirements under this section not less than 7 days
380 before the vote of the select board or board of selectmen. The select board or board of selectmen

381 shall provide for adequate means of public access that will allow interested members of the
382 public to clearly follow the deliberations of the select board or board of selectmen on making a
383 quorum adjustment as those deliberations are occurring.

384 (c) Not less than 10 days after a vote of the select board or board of selectmen to adjust
385 the quorum requirement under this section, the town clerk shall notify the attorney general of the
386 adjusted quorum requirement.

387 (d) All actions taken pursuant to this section are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed
388 to the same extent as if the town meeting had been conducted in accordance with all other
389 applicable laws, charter provisions, ordinances and by-laws.

390 SECTION 16. Notwithstanding section 28 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
391 general or special law to the contrary, the state primary in 2022 shall be held on Tuesday,
392 September 6, 2022.

393 SECTION 17. Notwithstanding section 3 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
394 general or special law to the contrary, a person whose name is not printed on the September 6,
395 2022 state primary ballot as a candidate for an office, but who receives sufficient votes to
396 nominate the person for the office, shall file in the office of the state secretary a written
397 acceptance of the nomination and a receipt from the state ethics commission verifying that a
398 statement of financial interest has been filed pursuant to chapter 268B of the General Laws not
399 later than 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

400 SECTION 18. Notwithstanding sections 11, 13 and 53A of chapter 53 of the General
401 Laws and section 5 of chapter 55B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the
402 contrary, objections to and withdrawals from nominations made at the September 6, 2022 state

403 primary shall be filed with the state secretary not later than 12:00 P.M. on Friday, September 9,
404 2022.

405 SECTION 19. Notwithstanding section 14 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
406 general or special law to the contrary, any vacancies from the September 6, 2022 state primary
407 caused by death, withdrawal or ineligibility under section 18 shall be filled by an executive
408 committee, determined by the state party committee of the same political party who made the
409 original nomination.

410 SECTION 20. Notwithstanding section 15 of chapter 53 of the General Laws or any other
411 general or special law to the contrary, when a nomination is made to fill a vacancy caused by the
412 death, withdrawal or ineligibility of a candidate from the September 6, 2022 state primary, the
413 certificate of nomination shall be on a form prescribed by the state secretary, signed by the
414 executive committee appointed by the state committee of the same political party as provided for
415 in section 19 and filed with the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, September
416 12, 2022.

417 SECTION 21. Notwithstanding section 135 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any
418 other general or special law to the contrary, a petition for a recount of the September 6, 2022
419 state primary shall be filed with the appropriate local election officials not later than 5:00 P.M.
420 on Friday, September 9, 2022 and all recounts shall be completed and notice of the results shall
421 be sent to the state secretary not later than 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

422 Petitions for districtwide and statewide recounts of the September 6, 2022 state primary
423 shall be submitted to the appropriate local election officials for certification not later than 12:00
424 P.M. on Friday, September 9, 2022 and local election officials shall complete certification not

425 later than 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Thereafter, certified petitions shall be
426 filed with the secretary of state not later than 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. If the
427 state secretary determines that the contest is eligible for a statewide or districtwide recount, the
428 state secretary shall notify the local election officials who shall complete the recount and shall
429 notify the state secretary of the results of the recount not later than 5:00 P.M. on Saturday,
430 September 17, 2022.

431 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 135 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, a board
432 of registrars must only provide 2 days' notice of the date, time and location of the recount to
433 each candidate for the office for which the recount has been petitioned. Electronic notice shall be
434 sufficient.

435 SECTION 22. Notwithstanding sections 8 to 10, inclusive, of chapter 55B of the General
436 Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the state ballot law commission shall
437 notify candidates of any objections filed to nominations at the September 6, 2022 state primary
438 not later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 9, 2022. Notice of the commission hearings shall
439 be given by telephone and electronic mail. Hearings on objections shall be held on Wednesday,
440 September 14, 2022 and decisions shall be rendered not later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday,
441 September 19, 2022.

442 SECTION 23. (a) Notwithstanding section 71 of chapter 151A of the General Laws, the
443 department of unemployment assistance may reconsider a determination or redetermination that
444 resulted in an overpayment issued on or after March 10, 2020 after 1 year from the date of the
445 original determination.

446 (b) Not later than March 1, 2022, the department of unemployment assistance shall report
447 a detailed accounting of all estimates for the number of individuals and cost of overpayments
448 that occurred in calendar years 2020 and 2021 as a result of benefits dispersed under said chapter
449 151A and federal programs including, but not limited to, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance,
450 Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, federal Extended Benefits, Federal
451 Pandemic Unemployment Compensation and Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation. The
452 report shall include: (i) the number of individuals in overpayment, by program; (ii) the number of
453 waiver requests filed, including the number of waiver requests granted or denied and including
454 reasons for denials and approvals; (iii) the number of appeals pending from overpayment denials
455 and qualification determinations; (iv) the dollar amount of overpayment in each program; (v) the
456 estimate of expected recovery for each of the programs; (vi) an estimate of the cost for the
457 department to adjudicate waivers and appeals as a result of denied waivers; (vii) the estimated
458 cost for taking action to recover such amounts; (viii) the median and average income of all
459 individuals subject to overpayment and a stratification of individuals in income brackets; (ix)
460 demographic information about such individuals; (x) the number of individuals who have already
461 repaid overpayments; (xi) the amount of money collected from recovery efforts for each
462 program; and (xii) an estimate of the tax rate for the 2023 tax year for employers should recovery
463 of overpayments not occur. The report shall be filed with the clerks of the house of
464 representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint
465 committee on labor and workforce development.

466 SECTION 24. Notwithstanding section 7.08 of chapter 156D of the General Laws or any
467 other general or special law to the contrary, as a result of the outbreak of the 2019 novel
468 coronavirus, also known as COVID-19 and subsequent variants, a public corporation, as

469 referenced in said section 7.08 of said chapter 156D and otherwise consistent with the other
470 provisions of said section 7.08 of said chapter 156D, or a corporation, as defined in section 2 of
471 chapter 180 of the General Laws, may conduct an annual or special meeting of the shareholders
472 solely by means of remote communication.

473 SECTION 25. Notwithstanding section 7A of chapter 167E of the General Laws, section
474 65C½ of chapter 171 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, due
475 to the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, and subsequent
476 variants, written certification from a counselor with a third-party organization that a mortgagor
477 has received counseling via a synchronous, real-time video conference or by telephone in lieu of
478 counseling in person shall satisfy the requirements of clause (ii) of subsection (b) of said section
479 7A of said chapter 167E or clause (ii) of subsection (b) of said section 65C½ of said chapter 171;
480 provided, however, that the third-party organization shall have been approved by the executive
481 office of elder affairs for purposes of such counseling.

482 SECTION 26. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law, charter provision,
483 ordinance or by-law to the contrary, during the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also
484 known as COVID-19, and subsequent variants, if the moderator in a town having a
485 representative town meeting form of government determines that it is not possible to safely
486 assemble the town meeting members and interested members of the public in a common location
487 while complying with any applicable state or local orders, directives or guidance concerning
488 public assemblies, the moderator may request that the select board or board of selectmen of the
489 town call for a representative town meeting to be held through remote participation, including,
490 but not limited to, by means of a video or telephone conferencing platform. The request by the
491 moderator to the select board or board of selectmen shall be in writing and shall include, but

492 shall not be limited to: (i) the moderator’s determination and request to hold a town meeting
493 through remote participation in accordance with this section; (ii) the video or telephone
494 conferencing platform the moderator has determined to use to hold the town meeting; (iii)
495 confirmation that the moderator has consulted with the local disability commission or
496 coordinator for federal Americans with Disabilities Act compliance; and (iv) a certification by
497 the moderator that: (A) the moderator has tested the video or telephone conferencing platform;
498 and (B) the platform satisfactorily enables the town meeting to be conducted in substantially the
499 same manner as if the meeting occurred in person at a physical location and in accordance with
500 the operational and functional requirements set forth in this section.

501 A video or telephone conference platform used by a town meeting for remote
502 participation under this section shall, at minimum, provide for the ability for: (i) the moderator,
503 town meeting members, town officials and any other interested members of the public to identify
504 and hear the moderator and each town meeting member who attends and participates in the
505 remotely-held town meeting, as well as any other individuals who participate in the remotely-
506 held town meeting; (ii) the ability to determine whether a quorum is present; (iii) a town meeting
507 member, town official or other individual to request recognition by the moderator without prior
508 authorization; provided, however, that to the extent technologically feasible, the request is visible
509 or audible to the public in real time and upon review of the recording of the town meeting
510 proceedings, preserved according to subsection (h); (iv) the moderator to determine when a town
511 meeting member wishes to be recognized to speak, make a motion, raise a point of order or
512 object to a request for unanimous consent; (v) the moderator to recognize a town meeting
513 member, town official or other individual to speak and to enable that person to speak; (vi) the
514 ability to conduct a roll call vote; (vii) any interested members of the public to access the

515 meeting remotely for purposes of witnessing the deliberations and actions taken at the town
516 meeting; and (viii) the town meeting to be recorded. Registered voters residing in the town
517 wishing to participate in a remote town meeting conducted pursuant to this section shall submit a
518 request to participate to the town clerk not less than 48 hours in advance of the town meeting.
519 Upon receipt of the request and verification of the requester's voter registration status, the clerk
520 shall provide to the requester instructions for participating in the remote town meeting.

521 (b) Not later than 10 business days following receipt of a written request by the
522 moderator for remote participation at a town meeting pursuant to subsection (a), the select board
523 or board of selectmen shall vote to determine if the town meeting shall be held remotely by
524 means of the video or telephone conferencing platform requested by the moderator.

525 (c) If the select board or board of selectmen votes to approve the request of the moderator
526 for remote participation at a town meeting and the select board or board of selectmen has already
527 issued a warrant pursuant to section 10 of chapter 39 of the General Laws calling a town meeting
528 to be held not later than July 15, 2022, the select board or board of selectmen shall, at the same
529 meeting of the board, approve and issue, in consultation with the moderator, a notice that
530 expressly states: (i) that the town meeting shall be held remotely by means of the video or
531 telephone conferencing platform requested by the moderator; (ii) the date and time of the
532 meeting; and (iii) any information necessary for the moderator, town meeting members, town
533 officials and interested members of the public to access and witness the deliberations and actions
534 taken at the town meeting remotely.

535 The notice issued by the select board or board of selectmen shall be: (i) accompanied by
536 the written request of the moderator submitted to the select board or board of selectmen under

537 subsection (a); (ii) filed and posted in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b) of
538 section 10A of chapter 39 of the General Laws; (iii) distributed to each town meeting member;
539 and (iv) publicly posted not less than 10 days before the scheduled date of the remote town
540 meeting. The notice may include a date, time and place for the town meeting to be resumed if the
541 town meeting does not vote to continue the town meeting remotely pursuant to subsection (f).

542 (d) If the select board or board of selectmen votes to approve the request of the moderator
543 for remote participation at a town meeting and the select board or board of selectmen has not yet
544 issued a warrant for a town meeting, the select board or board of selectmen shall approve and
545 issue a warrant pursuant to section 10 of said chapter 39 for the town meeting that expressly
546 states: (i) that the town meeting shall be held remotely by means of the video or telephone
547 conferencing platform requested by the moderator; (ii) the date and time of the meeting; and (iii)
548 any information necessary for the moderator, town meeting members, town officials and
549 interested members of the public to access and witness the deliberations and actions taken at the
550 town meeting remotely.

551 The warrant issued by the select board or board of selectmen shall be: (i) accompanied by
552 the written request of the moderator submitted to the select board or board of selectmen under
553 subsection (a); and (ii) filed in accordance with said section 10 of said chapter 39, all other
554 applicable laws and any relevant provisions of the town charter or by-laws. The warrant may
555 include a date, time and place for the town meeting to be resumed if the town meeting does not
556 vote to continue the town meeting remotely pursuant to subsection (f).

557 (e) Not later than 5 business days after a vote of the select board or board of selectmen to
558 approve the request of the moderator to hold a town meeting remotely pursuant to subsection (c)

559 or (d), the town clerk shall submit certified copies of the vote of the select board or board of
560 selectmen and the written request of the moderator to the attorney general.

561 (f) Prior to taking up any business at a representative town meeting held through remote
562 participation under this section, the town meeting members present and voting at the meeting
563 shall vote on whether to commence business at the town meeting remotely by means of the
564 chosen video or telephone conferencing platform. If the town meeting votes to continue
565 conducting the town meeting remotely, then the town meeting shall proceed by remote
566 participation to address the articles included in the warrant. If the town meeting does not vote to
567 continue conducting the town meeting remotely, then the town meeting shall be adjourned to the
568 date, time and place specified in the notice or warrant under subsection (c) or (d). If no date, time
569 and place has been specified in the notice or warrant, the town meeting shall immediately be
570 dissolved without taking any votes on any other matters and the select board or board of
571 selectmen may call the town meeting pursuant to a new warrant that provides for the town
572 meeting to be held in person at a physical location in accordance with said section 10 of said
573 chapter 39, and all other applicable laws and provisions of the town charter and by-laws.

574 (g) Any roll call vote taken at a representative town meeting held through remote
575 participation pursuant to this section shall be taken by any means that the moderator determines
576 accurately and securely records the votes of those entitled to vote at the meeting, including, but
577 not limited to, roll call vote, electronic voting, voting by ballot, voting by phone or any
578 combination thereof. The vote of each town meeting member on a roll call vote shall be recorded
579 and kept with the minutes of the town meeting.

580 (h) A representative town meeting held remotely pursuant to this section shall be
581 recorded and the recording shall be preserved and made publicly available on the town's website
582 for not less than 90 days after the conclusion of the remote town meeting.

583 (i) All actions taken during a remote town meeting held pursuant to this section are
584 hereby ratified, validated and confirmed to the same extent as if the town meeting had been
585 conducted in person and such actions are in accordance with all other applicable laws, charter
586 provisions, ordinances and by-laws.

587 SECTION 27. Notwithstanding any general or special law or any bylaw of the
588 corporation to the contrary, as a result of the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known
589 as COVID-19, and subsequent variants, and unless the articles of organization provide otherwise,
590 the board of directors of a corporation defined in section 2 of chapter 180 of the General Laws
591 may: (i) provide notice of a meeting of the board of directors: (A) only to those directors it is
592 practicable to reach; and (B) in any practicable manner; (ii) cancel a meeting of the members, as
593 defined in section 2 of said chapter 180, with notice of cancellation given in any practicable
594 manner; (iii) allow a director or officer to continue to serve during the outbreak of COVID-19
595 and subsequent variants and until the director's or officer's successor is elected, appointed or
596 designated; provided, however, that directors and officers whose term is extended pursuant to
597 this section shall continue to serve until the director's or officer's successor takes office, despite
598 the expiration of a director's or officer's term; (iv) allow a director to participate in a regular or
599 special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by
600 which all directors participating are able to simultaneously communicate with each other during
601 the meeting; (v) allow members at a meeting of the members to vote in person or by proxy;
602 provided, however, that any member voting by proxy shall be considered present at the meeting

603 for purposes of any quorum requirement; (vi) appoint successors to any of the officers, directors,
604 employees or agents; (vii) relocate the principal office or designate alternative offices; and (viii)
605 allow members to participate in any meeting of members by remote participation, even if not
606 physically present at the meeting. Participation by remote communication at any meeting of the
607 members shall constitute presence at such meeting only if: (i) reasonable measures are
608 implemented to verify that each person deemed present and permitted to vote at the meeting by
609 means of remote communication is a member or proxyholder; (ii) reasonable measures are
610 implemented to provide such members and proxyholders a reasonable opportunity to participate
611 in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the members, including an opportunity to read
612 or hear to the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with such proceedings, pose
613 questions and make comments, regardless of whether the members can simultaneously
614 communicate with each other during the meeting; and (iii) if any member or proxyholder votes
615 or takes other action at the meeting by means of remote communication, a record of such vote or
616 other action shall be maintained by the corporation.

617 Directors who participate in a meeting of the board of directors pursuant to this section
618 shall constitute a quorum. In a corporation with members, the corporation shall notify the
619 members, as soon as reasonably practicable, of any action taken by the board of directors
620 pursuant to this section.

621 SECTION 28. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, local election
622 officials shall transmit absentee ballots to voters covered under the federal Uniformed and
623 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. section 20302 et seq., whose applications
624 were received at least 45 days before the November 8, 2022 state election, not later than
625 Saturday, September 24, 2022.

626 SECTION 29. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state
627 secretary may add or change any dates relating to the nominations made at the September 6,
628 2022 state primary that the state secretary considers necessary for the orderly administration of
629 the November 8, 2022 state election by providing notice of the change to the state parties and
630 any affected person, by filing notice with the state secretary's rules and regulations division, by
631 posting on the state secretary's website and by whatever other means the state secretary
632 considers appropriate.

633 SECTION 30. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary
634 of health and human services shall prepare and implement a detailed comprehensive COVID-19
635 vaccination equity plan, including interim goals, benchmarks and timelines, to significantly
636 increase the proportion of adults and children who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19, including
637 booster vaccinations, among communities in the commonwealth that have disproportionately low
638 vaccination rates, which may include, but shall not be limited to, minority, immigrant and low-
639 income communities. The goal of the plan shall be to eliminate disparities in the rates of
640 vaccination within 120 days of the effective date of this section. The plan shall include: (i)
641 mechanisms necessary to directly deliver medically and scientifically accurate, culturally
642 competent and linguistically diverse information about the safety and efficacy of vaccination,
643 including particularly the COVID-19 vaccine, and the pathways to receiving a COVID-19
644 vaccine; (ii) a complete list of existing or new community-based partnerships for implementation
645 of the plan, including an explanation of the role of local public health departments or boards of
646 health, community-rooted faith-based organizations and locally-based health care providers in
647 implementing the plan; and (iii) a budget for implementation with funding sources identified.
648 The secretary shall provide the plan in writing to the house and senate committees on ways and

649 means, the joint committee on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management and the
650 joint committee on public health and make the plan publicly available on the website of the
651 department of public health not later than 30 days after the effective date of this section. The
652 secretary shall report progress towards achieving the equity plan goals by region, by municipality
653 and statewide not less than every 60 days following the completion of the plan.

654 SECTION 31. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
655 of public health shall issue and post publicly on its website guidance on mask usage, including
656 scientific information and data from scientific studies about the protection provided by different
657 masks against COVID-19, and subsequent variants thereof, not later than 30 days after the
658 effective date of this section. The department shall review and update this guidance as necessary
659 not less than every 30 days thereafter for the duration of the public health emergency declared by
660 the governor on May 28, 2021.

661 Any supports or resources procured or provided by the commonwealth for the purpose of
662 protecting residents from COVID-19 shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be in alignment
663 with the guidance issued under this section.

664 SECTION 32. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
665 of public health shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this act, issue and post publicly on
666 its website updated guidance related to testing, quarantining and isolation periods related to
667 COVID-19 and subsequent variants thereof. The department shall review and update this
668 guidance as necessary not less than every 30 days thereafter for the duration of the public health
669 emergency declared by the governor on May 28, 2021. The department shall undertake efforts to

670 assist compliance by residents with guidance issued under this section, including but not limited
671 to, the bulk procurement and distribution of COVID-19 testing materials and kits.

672 SECTION 33. The special legislative commission established in section 106 of chapter
673 227 of the acts of 2020, as amended by section 93 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021, is hereby
674 revived and continued to March 1, 2022. The special legislative commission shall file its report
675 pursuant to said section 106 of said chapter 227 with the clerks of the house of representatives
676 and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on
677 education and the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies not later
678 than March 1, 2022.

679 SECTION 34. Not later than 10 days after the effective date of this act, the secretary of
680 administration and finance shall direct the comptroller to transfer \$25,000,000 from the federal
681 COVID-19 response fund established in section 2JJJJ of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the
682 COVID-19 Massachusetts Emergency Paid Sick Leave Fund established in section 9 of chapter
683 16 of the acts of 2021 in response to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, to the
684 extent such funds are available for the uses allowed by said COVID-19 Massachusetts
685 Emergency Paid Sick Leave Fund pursuant to relevant federal requirements; provided, however,
686 that if the secretary of administration and finance certifies to the comptroller that no such funds
687 are available, the secretary shall direct the comptroller to transfer \$25,000,000 from the other
688 funding sources, including the General Fund.

689 SECTION 35. The public information campaign required under item 1599-0768 of
690 section 2A shall begin not more than 5 days after the effective date of this act.

691 SECTION 36. Section 3 shall take effect as of December 31, 2021.

692 SECTION 37. Section 12 shall take effect as of December 15, 2021; provided, however,
693 that any affirmation, acknowledgement or other notarial act that occurred virtually on or after
694 December 15, 2021 and until the effective date of this act shall be deemed valid if each
695 requirement of chapter 71 of the acts of 2020 was satisfied at the time of the affirmation,
696 acknowledgement or other notarial act.

697 SECTION 38. Section 13 shall take effect as of November 22, 2021 and shall apply to
698 claims based on acts or omissions that occur or have occurred during the outbreak of COVID-19,
699 and subsequent variants.

700 SECTION 39. If sections 15 and 26 are not in effect at least 15 days prior to the date of a
701 scheduled representative town meeting to be held during the outbreak of COVID-19, and
702 subsequent variants, the actions of a town moderator, select board and town meeting that are
703 substantially consistent with the requirements hereof shall be ratified, validated and confirmed in
704 all respects as if this act had been in place prior thereto.

705 SECTION 40. Sections 24 and 27 shall take effect as of December 15, 2021. Actions
706 taken at meetings of shareholders and boards of directors on or after December 15, 2021 and
707 until the effective date of this act shall be deemed valid; provided, that meetings of shareholders
708 and boards of directors are consistent with sections 24 and 27.

709 SECTION 41. Sections 12, 15, 24, 25, 26 and 27 are hereby repealed.

710 SECTION 42. Section 13 is hereby repealed.

711 SECTION 43. Section 23 is hereby repealed.

712 SECTION 44. Section 41 shall take effect on July 15, 2022.

713 SECTION 45. Section 42 shall take effect on February 28, 2022.

714 SECTION 46. Section 43 shall take effect 90 days after the rescission of the public health
715 emergency declared by the governor on May 28, 2021 or on August 1, 2022, whichever occurs
716 first.”