

SENATE No. 2974

Senate, October 24, 2024 – Text of the Senate amendment to the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5077) (being the text of Senate, No. 2968, printed as amended).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

1 SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act
2 and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2024, the sums set forth in section 2 are hereby
3 appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in this act or in
4 those appropriation acts, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this
5 act or in those appropriation acts, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
6 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts
7 previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be
8 made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

9 SECTION 2.

10 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

11 Department of Revenue

12 1233-2000 Tax Abatements for Veterans, Widows, Blind Persons and the Elderly

13 \$11,077,209

14	Reserves		
15	1599-0026	Municipal Regionalization and Efficiencies Incentive Reserve	
16	\$12,673,961		
17	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
18	Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services		
19	4000-0300	EOHHS and Medicaid Administration	\$7,563,044
20	4000-0700	MassHealth Fee for Service Payments	\$565,417,349
21	Department of Public Health		
22	4590-0915	Public Health Hospitals	\$5,055,887
23	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT		
24	Office of the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development		
25	7003-0101	Labor and Workforce Development Shared Services	\$1,310,000
26	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES		
27	Office of the Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities		
28	7004-9316	Residential Assistance for Families in Transition	\$7,325,156
29	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION		
30	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education		
31	7053-1925	School Breakfast Program	\$8,700,000

32 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

33 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

34 8000-0105 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner \$689,902

35 Military Division

36 8700-0001 Military Division \$200,000

37 Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

38 8800-0001 Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency \$622,624

39 SECTION 2A. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to
40 provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations and to meet certain requirements
41 of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless
42 specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the several purposes and subject to the
43 conditions specified in this section, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
44 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Except as otherwise stated, these sums shall be
45 made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

46 MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

47 0340-9111 For moving costs, expert witness costs and other costs associated with the
48 Massachusetts District Attorneys Association and individual district attorneys' offices in the
49 commonwealth \$1,000,000

50 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

51 Reserves

52 1599-0640 For start-up costs associated with implementation of online lottery; provided,
53 that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state
54 agencies as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws; and provided further, that
55 funds in this item shall be made available until June 30, 2026 \$2,500,000

56 1599-1214 For a reserve for expansion, upgrades or enhancements to staffing, operations
57 or infrastructure for new and existing facilities that treat men with an alcohol or substance use
58 disorder under sections 1 and 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws; provided, that the secretary
59 of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as defined in
60 section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws \$14,000,000

61 1599-6263 For a reserve to support efforts that eradicate and prevent mosquito-borne
62 diseases, including but not limited to eastern equine encephalitis; provided, that the secretary of
63 administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to state agencies as defined in
64 section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws \$400,000

65 1599-8910 For a reserve to support costs associated with the county sheriffs' offices;
66 provided, that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to
67 state agencies as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws \$46,000,000

68 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

69 Office of the Secretary

70 4000-1998 For the distribution of funds for fiscally strained community health
71 centers; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary

72 of health and human services shall direct monthly payments to eligible community health centers
73 in the form of enhanced Medicaid payments, supplemental payments or other appropriate
74 mechanisms; provided further, that payments to eligible community health centers shall be
75 allocated as determined by the secretary in consultation with the Massachusetts League of
76 Community Health Centers, Inc.; provided further, that such payments shall not be used in
77 subsequent years by the secretary to calculate an eligible community health center's average
78 monthly payment; provided further, that such payments shall not offset existing payments for
79 which an eligible community health center may be qualified to receive; provided further, that the
80 secretary may require as a condition of receiving payment any such reasonable condition of
81 payment that the secretary determines necessary to ensure the availability, to the extent possible,
82 of federal financial participation for the payments and the secretary may incur expenses and the
83 comptroller may certify amounts for payment in anticipation of expected receipt of federal
84 financial participation for the payments; provided further, that the executive office of health and
85 human services may promulgate regulations as necessary to carry out this item; and provided
86 further, that for the purposes of this item, "eligible community health center" shall be defined as
87 any entity receiving funding pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 254b that demonstrates significant
88 financial need based on criteria established by the secretary in consultation with The
89 Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Inc. \$12,000,000

90 SECTION 2B. To provide for supplementing certain intragovernmental chargeback
91 authorizations in the general appropriation act and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2024,
92 to provide for certain unanticipated intragovernmental chargeback authorizations, to provide for
93 an alteration of purpose for current intragovernmental chargeback authorizations and to meet
94 certain requirements of law, the sum set forth in this section is hereby authorized from the

95 Intragovernmental Service Fund for the several purposes specified in this section or in the
96 appropriation acts and subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public
97 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. This sum shall be in addition to any amounts
98 previously authorized and made available for the purposes of this item.

99 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES

100 Office of the Secretary of Veterans' Services

101 1410-0110 Central Services Chargeback \$1,698,000

102 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

103 Office of the Secretary of Education

104 7009-1701 Chargeback for Education Information Technology Costs \$486,352

105 SECTION 2C.I. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2025 balances of
106 appropriations which otherwise would revert on June 30, 2024, the unexpended balances of the
107 appropriations listed below, not to exceed the amount specified below for each item, are hereby
108 re-appropriated for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding
109 item in section 2 or 2F of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023; provided, that for items which do not
110 appear in said section 2 or 2F of said chapter 28, the amounts in this section are re-appropriated
111 for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in section 2 or
112 2A of this act or in prior appropriation acts. Amounts in this section are re-appropriated from the
113 fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in said section 2 or 2F of said chapter 28;
114 provided, however, that for items which do not appear in said section 2 or 2F of said chapter 28,
115 the amounts in this section are re-appropriated from the fund or funds designated for the

116 corresponding item in said section 2 through 2F of this act or in prior appropriation acts. The
117 unexpended balance of each appropriation in the Massachusetts management accounting and
118 reporting system with a secretariat code of 01 or 17 is hereby re-appropriated for the purposes of
119 and subject to the conditions stated for the corresponding item in said section 2 of said chapter
120 28. The sums reappropriated in this section shall be in addition to any amounts available for said
121 purposes.

122 JUDICIARY

123 Supreme Judicial Court

124 0320-0003 Supreme Judicial Court \$150,000

125 Board of Bar Examiners

126 0321-0100 Board of Bar Examiners \$100,000

127 TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL

128 Treasurer and Receiver General

129 0610-2000 Welcome Home Bill Bonus Payments \$800,000

130 State Lottery Commission

131 0640-0000 State Lottery Commission \$104,000

132 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

133 0900-0100 State Ethics Commission \$66,500

134 CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

135	1070-0840	Cannabis Control Commission	\$200,000
136	EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE		
137	Health Policy Commission		
138	1450-1200	Health Policy Commission	\$350,000
139	Reserves		
140	1599-0054	Hinton Lab Reserve	\$56,000
141	1599-1971	MBTA Workforce and Safety Reserve	\$117,582,748
142	1599-4448	Collective Bargaining Reserve	\$59,000,000
143	Bureau of the State House		
144	1102-3331	Office of the State House Superintendent	\$400,000
145	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND SECURITY		
146	1790-1700	Core Technology Services and Security	\$317,262
147	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS		
148	Department of Public Utilities		
149	2100-0013	Transportation Oversight Division	\$256,000
150	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
151	Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services		

152	1599-6903	Chapter 257 and Human Service Reserve	\$28,465,994
153		Massachusetts Commission for the Blind	
154	4110-2000	Turning 22 Program and Services	\$350,000
155		Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission	
156	4120-2000	Vocational Rehabilitation for People with Disabilities	\$100,000
157	4120-6000	Head Injury Treatment Services	\$34,496
158		Department of Youth Services	
159	4200-0300	Department of Youth Services Residential Services	\$8,000,000
160		Department of Public Health	
161	4512-0200	Bureau of Substance Addiction Services	\$7,000,000
162	4512-2020	DPH Public Safety Reform Matching Grants	\$3,146,536
163	4590-0250	School-Based Health	
164		Programs.....	\$1,000,000
165		Department of Mental Health	
166	5011-0100	Department of Mental Health Administration and Operations	
167			\$105,000
168		EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES	
169		Office of the Secretary of Veterans' Services	

170 1410-1700 Department of Veterans' Services IT \$300,000

171 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

172 Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation

173 7006-0000 Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation \$73,000

174 Division of Banks

175 7006-0010 Division of Banks \$1,900,000

176 Division of Insurance

177 7006-0020 Division of Insurance \$1,950,000

178 Division of Occupational Licensure

179 7006-0040 Division of Occupational Licensure \$250,000

180 7006-0142 Office of Public Safety and Inspections \$334,000

181 Division of Standards

182 7006-0060 Division of Standards \$223,000

183 Department of Telecommunications and Cable

184 7006-0071 Department of Telecommunications and Cable \$175,000

185 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

186 Office of the Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities

187 7004-0102 Homeless Individual Shelters \$4,627,529

188 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

189 Department of Early Education and Care

190 3000-4060 Income-Eligible Child Care \$13,619,274

191 3000-2050 Children's Trust Fund \$350,000

192 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

193 7061-9805 Teacher Diversity Initiative \$12,000,000

194 Department of Higher Education

195 1596-2425 DHE Endowment Match \$1,900,000

196 1596-2432 Capacity Building for Free Community College \$9,100,000

197 1596-2433 Scholarships for Nursing Students at Community Colleges \$9,700,000

198 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

199 Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and Security

200 8000-0601 Project Safe Neighborhood Initiative \$1,000,000

201 8000-0605 Human Trafficking Prevention \$431,000

202 Massachusetts State Police

203 8100-0515 New State Police Class \$5,974,741

204	Department of Fire Services		
205	8324-0000	Department of Fire Services Administration	\$133,489
206	Department of Corrections		
207	8900-0001	Department of Corrections Facility Operations	\$22,771,552
208	8900-1100	Re-Entry Programs	\$827,819
209	Parole Board		
210	8950-0001	Parole Board	\$500,000

211 SECTION 2C.II. For the purpose of making available in fiscal year 2025 balances of
212 retained revenue and intragovernmental chargeback authorizations which otherwise would revert
213 on June 30, 2024, the unexpended balances of the authorizations listed below, not to exceed the
214 amount specified below for each item, are hereby re-authorized for the purposes of and subject to
215 the conditions stated for the corresponding item in sections 2 to 2F, inclusive, of chapter 28 of
216 the acts of 2023; provided, that for items which do not appear in said sections 2 to 2F, inclusive,
217 of said chapter 28, the amounts in this section are re-authorized for the purposes of and subject to
218 the conditions stated for the corresponding item in said sections 2 to 2F, inclusive, of this act or
219 in prior appropriation acts. Amounts in this section are re-authorized from the fund or funds
220 designated for the corresponding item in sections 2 through 2F, inclusive, of the general
221 appropriation act; however, for items which do not appear in said sections 2 through 2F,
222 inclusive, of the general appropriation act, the amounts in this section are re-authorized from the
223 fund or funds designated for the corresponding item in said sections 2 through 2F, inclusive, of

224 this act or in prior appropriation acts. The sums re-authorized in this section shall be in addition
225 to any amounts available for those purposes.

226 MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

227 0940-0103 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Retained Revenue
228 \$2,200,000

229 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

230 Operational Services Division

231 1775-0800 Chargeback for Purchase Operation and Repair of State Vehicles
232 \$400,000

233 SECTION 3. The first sentence of subsection (a) of section 19 of chapter 15D of the
234 General Laws, inserted by section 36 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by
235 striking out the words “separate, non-budgeted special revenue” and inserting in place thereof the
236 following word:- budgeted.

237 SECTION 4. Section 31 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, inserted by in section 5 of
238 chapter 150 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “2FFFFFF”, each
239 time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 2JJJJJ.

240 SECTION 5. Section 2LLLLL of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in section
241 16 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by inserting after the second
242 sentence the following sentence: - The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year
243 shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years and shall not revert to the
244 General Fund.

245 SECTION 6. Subsection (f) of section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as
246 appearing in section 57 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the
247 first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:- Annual expenditures
248 from the fund shall not exceed that year’s spending threshold, less the dedicated transportation
249 income surtax revenue amount. Each year’s spending threshold shall be equal to the prior year’s
250 spending threshold plus an adjustment factor equal to the 10-year rolling rate of growth of
251 income subject to the tax specified in subsection (d) of section 4 of chapter 62 as certified by the
252 commissioner of revenue.

253 SECTION 7. Section 2FFFFFF of said chapter 29, inserted by section 6 of chapter 150
254 of the acts of 2024, is hereby repealed.

255 SECTION 8. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 2IIIII,
256 inserted by section 58 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, the following section:-

257 Section 2JJJJJ. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the
258 commonwealth a separate fund known as the Fair Housing Fund. There shall be credited to the
259 fund: (i) revenue from appropriations or other funds authorized by the general court and
260 specifically designated for the fund; (ii) any gifts, grants or private contributions; (iii) any
261 interest on the fund’s assets; and (iv) other amounts credited or transferred to the fund from any
262 other sources. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended without further appropriation.
263 Any balance in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall be available for expenditure in
264 subsequent fiscal years and shall not be transferred to any other fund or revert to the General
265 Fund; provided, however, that the comptroller shall report the amount remaining in the fund at
266 the end of each fiscal year to the house and senate committees on ways and means.

267 (b) The fund shall be administered by the office of fair housing established in section 31
268 of chapter 23B and funds shall be expended for the purpose of eliminating housing
269 discrimination. Activities eligible for assistance from the fund shall include, but shall not be
270 limited to: (i) private enforcement initiatives; (ii) education and outreach initiatives; (iii) fair
271 housing testing; (iv) lending discrimination; (v) affirmatively furthering fair housing; and (vi)
272 special projects.

273 (c) Grantees eligible for assistance shall include, but shall not be limited to, fair housing
274 assistance programs and fair housing initiative programs, as defined by the United States
275 Department of Housing and Urban Development, any private, non-profit agency or any state-
276 funded public housing authority.

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278 SECTION 9. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
279 section:-

280 Section 70. (a) A city or town may enter into an agreement with a housing developer or
281 residential development owner to provide a preference for affordable housing to low- or
282 moderate-income veterans, as defined in clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4, if the
283 residential development is subject to: (i) inclusionary zoning; (ii) incentive zoning; or (iii) a
284 density bonus ordinance or by-law. The preference shall be for not more than 10 per cent of the
285 affordable units in a particular development.

286 (b) A preference provided pursuant to this section shall be established in the applicant
287 selection process for available affordable units. Applicants who are veterans, as defined in said
288 clause Forty-third of said section 7 of said chapter 4, and who apply within 90 days of the initial

289 marketing period of the development shall receive preference for the rental of not more than 10
290 per cent of the affordable units. After the first 90 days of the initial marketing period, if units
291 subject to the preference remain available, applicants from the general public shall be considered
292 for occupancy. Following the initial marketing period, qualified applicants who are veterans shall
293 be placed on a waiting list for the preference-occupied units for veterans and on any general
294 waiting list. Veterans on the preference-occupied waiting list shall be given preference for
295 affordable units, as the units become available, whenever the percentage of preference-occupied
296 units is below 10 per cent.

297 (c) An agreement to provide affordable housing preference to veterans pursuant to this
298 section shall not affect a municipality's ability to receive credit for the unit for affordable
299 housing pursuant to sections 20 to 23, inclusive, of chapter 40B; provided, however, that such
300 unit or development shall meet all other eligibility criteria for inclusion on the subsidized
301 housing inventory pursuant to 706 CMR 56.00 and any applicable federal or state subsidy
302 program requirements. An agreement under this section may be monitored by a third party
303 designated by the municipality.

304 (d) This section shall not require an increase in the existing amount of affordable units set
305 by the city or town.

306 (e) A city or town that has entered into an agreement pursuant to this section may require
307 proof of veteran status and income eligibility as the city or town deems necessary to determine
308 eligibility for preference under this section.

309 SECTION 10. Section 18 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, inserted by section 14 of
310 chapter 150 of the acts of 2024, is hereby repealed.

311 SECTION 11. Section 1 of chapter 40V of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
312 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “residential”, in line 16, the
313 following words:- new construction or.

314 SECTION 12. Section 4 of said chapter 40V, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
315 inserting after the word “the”, in line 9, the following words:- new construction or.

316 SECTION 13. Paragraph (5) of subsection (q) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General
317 Laws, as most recently amended by section 19 of chapter 50 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further
318 amended by striking out the words “awarded by EOHLC in a calendar year shall not be applied
319 to awards in a subsequent year” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- authorized
320 by EOHLC during a calendar year shall be added to the amount EOHLC may authorize in
321 subsequent years.

322 SECTION 14. Paragraph (xii) of subsection (d) of section 2A of chapter 63 of the
323 General Laws, as appearing in section 28 of said chapter 50, is hereby amended by striking out
324 the words “and paragraph (xii)”.

325 SECTION 15. Section 38 of said chapter 63, as appearing in section 31 of said chapter
326 50, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (g) and inserting in place thereof the following
327 subsection:-

328 (g) If the sales factor is inapplicable, the corporation’s taxable net income shall be
329 apportioned to the commonwealth based on the corporation’s property and payroll in the
330 commonwealth. The sales factor shall not be applicable if: (i) both its numerator and
331 denominator are 0; (ii) the denominator is less than 10 per cent of one third of the taxable net
332 income; or (iii) it is otherwise determined by the commissioner to be insignificant in producing

333 income. The sales factor shall not be deemed to be inapplicable solely because the numerator is
334 0. The commissioner shall adopt regulations providing for such method of apportionment.

335 SECTION 16. Subdivision (5) of section 38BB of said chapter 63, as appearing in section
336 33 of said chapter 50, is hereby amended by striking out the words “awarded by EOHLC in a
337 calendar year shall not be applied to awards in a subsequent year” and inserting in place thereof
338 the following words:- authorized by EOHLC during a calendar year shall be added to the amount
339 EOHLC may authorize in subsequent years.

340 SECTION 17. Subsection (b) of section 2A of chapter 71B of the General Laws, as
341 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-
342 Notwithstanding chapter 66A, any other provision of this section or any other general or special
343 law to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education and the bureau of
344 special education appeals may share with each other personal data regarding students and other
345 individuals to carry out their respective responsibilities under state and federal laws and
346 regulations.

347 SECTION 18. Section 11A of said chapter 71B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
348 adding the following sentence:- Notwithstanding chapter 66A or any other general or special law
349 to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education and county houses of
350 correction may share with each other, with school districts and with educational service
351 providers personal data of individuals incarcerated in county houses of correction to facilitate
352 prompt access to special education services for individuals incarcerated in county houses of
353 correction.

354 SECTION 19. Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
355 out, in lines 172 to 186, inclusive, as so appearing, the words “pleasure passenger vehicles
356 owned by veterans who, according to the records of the United States Veterans’ Administration,
357 has been determined to have a service-connected disability rating of 60 per cent or greater and by
358 reason of service in the armed forces of the United States have suffered loss or permanent loss of
359 use of one or both feet; or loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands; or permanent
360 impairment of vision of both eyes of the following status: central visual acuity of 20/200 or less
361 in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a
362 field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter
363 of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than twenty degrees in the better eye, or
364 any other disability or handicap of such veterans which may be determined by the medical
365 advisory board as established by section eight C, and”.

366 SECTION 20. The seventh paragraph of said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so
367 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the third and fourth sentences.

368 SECTION 21. Said section 2 of said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by striking
369 out, in lines 246 to 258, inclusive, as so appearing, the words “and the words “Disabled Veteran”
370 for a pleasure passenger vehicle or a pick-up truck owned or leased by and used by a veteran
371 who, according to the records of the United States Veterans’ Administration, by reason of service
372 in the armed forces of the United States has suffered loss or permanent loss of use of one or both
373 feet; or loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands; or permanent impairment of vision of
374 both eyes of the following status: central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with
375 corrective glasses, or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which
376 the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field

377 subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye, or any other disability
378 or handicap”.

379 SECTION 22. Said section 2 of said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by striking out
380 the twelfth paragraph, as so appearing.

381 SECTION 23. Said section 2 of said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by striking out
382 the fifteenth to seventeenth paragraphs, inclusive, as so appearing.

383 SECTION 24. Said section 2 of said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by striking out
384 the nineteenth to twenty-second paragraphs, inclusive, as so appearing

385 SECTION 25. Said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 2J the
386 following section:-

387 Section 2K. (a) The registrar shall design and maintain a series of distinct and individual
388 license plates recognizing those who have served in the military and for those who deserve
389 special recognition relating to or deriving from military service.

390 (b) A veteran meeting the definition of a veteran in clause forty-third of section 7 of
391 chapter 4 or section 1 of chapter 115, or who is eligible for the annuity provided under section
392 6C of said chapter 115, shall be eligible and entitled to a veteran plate which shall carry the
393 denotation “VETERAN”, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of such status as determined
394 by the registrar.

395 (c)

396 (1) Veterans ranked as not less than 60 per cent disabled by the United States Department
397 of Veterans Affairs, including those who have suffered the loss of a limb, permanent visual

398 acuity loss of 20/200 in an eye or are otherwise determined to be disabled or handicapped by the
399 medical advisory board established in section 8C, shall be entitled to a distinctive disabled
400 veteran plate.

401 (2) Veterans who have been captured and incarcerated by foreign forces in conflict or
402 held as prisoners of war shall be entitled to a distinctive plate recognizing that status.

403 (3) Veterans who are members of the Legion of Valor of the United States of America
404 Inc shall be entitled to a distinctive plate recognizing that status.

405 (4) Veterans awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor shall be entitled to a distinctive
406 plate recognizing that status, including, subject to availability, the use of the initials of the award
407 recipient followed by "CMH".

408 (5) Veterans awarded the Order of the Purple Heart shall be entitled to a distinctive plate
409 recognizing that status which shall include the words "COMBAT WOUNDED".

410 (6) Survivors of the attack upon Pearl Harbor shall be entitled to a distinctive plate
411 recognizing that status which shall include the word "VETERAN".

412 (7) Residents of the commonwealth serving in any branch of the national guard shall be
413 entitled to a distinctive plate recognizing that status.

414 (8) Residents of the commonwealth awarded the Medal of Liberty under section 67A of
415 chapter 33 shall be entitled to a distinctive plate recognizing that status.

416 (9) The next of kin of a member of the armed forces, in possession of a Gold Star Lapel
417 Button under the regulations of the United States Secretary of Defense, shall be entitled to a
418 Gold Star Family distinctive plate; provided, however, that said button shall not be an eligibility

419 requirement for those who have presented other satisfactory evidence of their status, as
420 determined by the registrar.

421 (d) A veteran who has served in the armed forces and is entitled to a veteran license plate
422 shall be entitled to the issuance of a decal or emblem denoting their branch of service. Residents
423 of the commonwealth identifying as a woman veteran who served in any branch of the armed
424 forces shall be entitled to a distinctive decal which the registry of motor vehicles shall design and
425 issue.

426 (e) The following individuals shall be entitled to a distinctive plate, emblem or decal
427 denoting their award status:

428 (i) owners of private vehicles awarded 1 of the following decorations for valor or
429 gallantry: the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Distinguish
430 Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Air Force Cross, or any other similar award designated by the
431 secretary of veterans' services;

432 (ii) residents of the commonwealth qualifying as a Gold Star parent, child, sibling,
433 grandchild or spouse; provided, however, that a distinctive plate under this paragraph may not be
434 used in conjunction with a motor vehicle that has promotional or advertising material thereupon.

435 (f) Veterans entitled to a distinctive plate shall be entitled to have a distinctive emblem or
436 decal reflecting service in Operation Enduring Freedom or the receipt of the Iraqi Campaign
437 Medal, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal, a Persian Gulf Campaign Ribbon, the Armed Forces
438 Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal,
439 the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Kosovo
440 Campaign Medal or the Prisoner of War Medal.

441 (g) Under any special recognition or status recognized in this section, a surviving spouse
442 shall not be compelled to surrender their distinctive plate, emblem or decal unless they remarry,
443 cancel or fail to renew registration. If a deceased person was entitled to recognition under any
444 portion of this section but did not apply for special status under this section, their surviving
445 spouse may nonetheless apply in the stead of their deceased spouse.

446 (h) Any special status under this section shall entitle the bearer to not more than 1 special
447 plate, emblem or decal; provided, however, that such person may, at their option, have the
448 distinctive plate, emblem or decal issued in a form suitable for use on a motorcycle rather than a
449 passenger car.

450 (i) Any plate to which an individual is entitled under this section shall be issued without
451 fee other than the established registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles and
452 motorcycles. The registrar may provide individuals the option of paying an additional fee.
453 Revenues collected pursuant to the additional fee under this section shall be distributed to the
454 special accounts of state operated veterans' homes on an equal basis in amount of not more than
455 \$500,000 for each home; provided, however, that revenues in excess of such amount shall be
456 placed in the special trust fund administered by the secretary of veterans' services.

457 SECTION 26. Chapter 92 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
458 34F, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
459 section:-

460 Section 34F. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a
461 separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Middlesex Fells Reservation Fund,
462 which shall be administered by the commissioner of conservation and recreation, who shall

463 consult with relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited to, The Friends of the Middlesex
464 Fells Reservation, Inc. and any abutting municipalities. The fund shall be credited with: (i)
465 appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically
466 designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and private sources, including, but
467 not limited to, gifts, grants and donations; (iii) fees generated by permits, licenses, and all other
468 agreements relating to the use of the Middlesex Fells Reservation that are not directed to the
469 General Fund; and (iv) any interest earned on such money.

470 Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, to
471 advance recreational, educational and conservation interests, including, but not limited to, the
472 construction and maintenance of facilities and infrastructure improvements for the area within
473 the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

474 The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for
475 expenditure in subsequent fiscal years and shall not revert to the General Fund. No expenditure
476 made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point.

477 SECTION 27. Section 51³/₄ of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
478 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 15 and 16, the words “(vi) licensed physician assistant
479 who practices in the field of psychiatry (vii) licensed psychiatric clinical nurse specialist” and
480 inserting in place thereof the following words:-

481 “(vi) licensed physician assistant who practices in the field of psychiatry; (vii) licensed
482 psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist; (viii) a licensed psychiatric mental health
483 nurse practitioner”.

484 SECTION 28. Section 130 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
485 amended by striking out, in lines 50 and 51, the words “application of social work theory and
486 methods in the treatment of mental and emotional disorders”.

487 SECTION 29. Subsection (b) of section 47XX of chapter 175 of the General Laws,
488 inserted by section 44 of chapter 186 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the
489 word “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- carrier.

490 SECTION 30. Subsection (b) of section 8YY of chapter 176A of the General Laws,
491 inserted by section 45 of said chapter 186, is hereby amended by striking out the word
492 “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- non-profit hospital service
493 corporation.

494 SECTION 31. Subsection (b) of section 4YY of chapter 176B of the General Laws,
495 inserted by section 46 of said chapter 186, is hereby amended by striking out the word
496 “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- medical service corporation.

497 SECTION 32. Subsection (b) of section 4QQ of chapter 176G of the General Laws,
498 inserted by section 47 of said chapter 186, is hereby amended by striking out the word
499 “commission” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- health maintenance
500 organization.

501 SECTION 33. Section 7 of chapter 268A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
502 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 51 and 52, the words “division of
503 health care policy and finance” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive
504 office of health and human services.

505 SECTION 34. Said section 7 of said chapter 268A, as so appearing, is hereby further
506 amended by striking out, in line 66, the words “mentally ill or mentally retarded persons” and
507 inserting in place thereof the following words:- persons with mental health conditions or
508 intellectual or developmental disabilities.

509 SECTION 35. Section 1 of chapter 268B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
510 amended by inserting after the word “reporting”, in lines 43 and 44, the following word:-
511 person’s.

512 SECTION 36. Section 2 of said chapter 268B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
513 striking out, in lines 5, 33, 34 and 38, the word “chairman” and inserting in place thereof, in each
514 instance, the following word:- chair.

515 SECTION 37. Section 3 of said chapter 268B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
516 striking out, in lines 30 and 31, the words “home address of the filer” and inserting in place
517 thereof following words:- home address, personal email address and personal and home
518 telephone number of the filer and the name and home address of a family member of the filer.

519 SECTION 38. Item 2000-7081 of section 2A of chapter 209 of the acts of 2018 is hereby
520 amended by striking out the words “federal and state recognized tribes”, inserted by section 12 of
521 chapter 42 of the acts of 2022, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- tribal
522 governments.

523 SECTION 39. Said item 2000-7081 of said section 2A of said chapter 209, as most
524 recently amended by section 13 of said chapter 42, is hereby further amended by inserting after
525 the words “federal agencies” the following words:- , tribal governments.

526 SECTION 40. Said item 2000-7081 of said section 2A of said chapter 209, as so
527 amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “used for municipal” the
528 following words:- , tribal government.

529 SECTION 41. Section 75 of chapter 260 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by
530 striking out the figure “2025”, inserted by section 2 of chapter 107 of the acts of 2022, and
531 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2027.

532 SECTION 42. Item 8200-0200 of section 2 of chapter 24 of the acts of 2021 is hereby
533 amended by striking out the figure “2024”, inserted by section 50 of chapter 77 of the acts of
534 2023, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

535 SECTION 43. Section 67 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021, as appearing in section 56 of
536 chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “2024”, the first time
537 it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

538 SECTION 44. Said section 67 of said chapter 102, as so appearing, is hereby further
539 amended by striking out the words “March 15, 2024” and inserting in place thereof the following
540 words:- March 31, 2025.

541 SECTION 45. Item 5095-0017 of section 2 of chapter 126 of the acts of 2022 is hereby
542 amended by inserting after the words “January 1, 2023” the following words:- and such funds
543 shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

544 SECTION 46. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 126 is hereby amended
545 by striking out the figure “2024”, inserted by section 93 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, and
546 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

547 SECTION 47. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 126 is hereby further
548 amended by striking out the figure “2024”, inserted by section 113 of said chapter 77, and
549 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

550 SECTION 48. Item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of said chapter 126 is hereby amended
551 by striking out the figure “2024”, inserted by section 132 of said chapter 77, and inserting in
552 place thereof the following figure:- 2025.

553 SECTION 49. Section 87 of chapter 177 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by
554 striking out the figure “23” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “32”.

555 SECTION 50. Item 1599-6090 of section 2A of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 is hereby
556 amended by striking out the words “; provided further, that a lien shall be placed on the site to
557 ensure that the commonwealth is the first recipient of reimbursement if the site is sold”.

558 SECTION 51. Said item 1599-6090 of said section 2A of said chapter 268 is hereby
559 further amended by striking out the words “for a feasibility study for the decommissioned power
560 plant on Agawam avenue in the city known as the town of West Springfield” and inserting in
561 place thereof the following words:- to the city known as the town of West Springfield for a
562 municipal master plan update.

563 SECTION 52. Item 1410-0012 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023 is hereby
564 amended by inserting after the word “Center”, the third time it appears, the following words:-
565 and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

566 SECTION 53. Said item 1410-0012 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further
567 amended by adding the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until July 31,
568 2025.

569 SECTION 54. Item 1410-1616 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as amended by
570 section 14 of chapter 88 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by inserting after the
571 word "Arlington" the following words: - and such funds shall be made available until June 30,
572 2025.

573 SECTION 55. Item 1595-6368 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by
574 inserting after the word "corridor", the second time it appears, the followings words:- and such
575 funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

576 SECTION 56. Said item 1595-6368 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby
577 amended by inserting after the word "corridor", the third time it appears, the followings words:-
578 and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

579 SECTION 57. Said item 1595-6368 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further
580 amended by inserting after the word "Hanson", the second time it appears, the following words:-
581 and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

582 SECTION 58. Item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by
583 inserting after the word "Wellesley" the following words:- and such funds shall be made
584 available until June 30, 2025.

585 SECTION 59. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said section 28 is hereby further
586 amended by inserting after the word “shelter” the following words:- and such funds shall be
587 made available until June 30, 2025.

588 SECTION 60. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,
589 is hereby further amended by adding the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than
590 \$12,673,961 shall be expended to support missed prior year payments to municipalities and local
591 education agencies pursuant to items 1233-2350 and 7061-0008 and such funds shall be made
592 available until June 30, 2025.

593 SECTION 61. Item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by
594 inserting after the word “park”, the twenty-sixth time it appears, the following words:- and such
595 funds shall be made available until June 30 2025.

596 SECTION 62. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further
597 amended by inserting after the word “school”, the third time it appears, the following words:-
598 and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

599 SECTION 63. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further
600 amended by inserting after the word “improvements”, the twenty-fifth time it appears, the
601 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

602 SECTION 64. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further
603 amended by inserting after the word “school”, the fourth time it appears, the following words:-
604 and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

605 SECTION 65. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further
606 amended by inserting after the word “Inc.”, the twelfth time it appears, the following words:- and
607 such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

608 SECTION 66. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further
609 amended by inserting after the word “network” the following words:- and such funds shall be
610 made available until June 30, 2025.

611 SECTION 67. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further
612 amended by inserting after the word “Somerville”, the second time it appears, the following
613 words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

614 SECTION 68. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further
615 amended by inserting after the word “Neck” the following words:- and such funds shall be made
616 available until June 30, 2025.

617 SECTION 69. Item 4000-0300 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as most recently
618 amended by section 179 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by inserting
619 after the word “care”, the twenty-ninth time it appears, the following words:- and such funds
620 shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

621 SECTION 70. Item 4512-0206 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by
622 inserting after the word “emergency” the following words:- and such funds shall be made
623 available until June 30, 2025.

624 SECTION 71. Item 4513-1136 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by
625 inserting after the word “commonwealth”, the first time it appears, the following words:- and
626 such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

627 SECTION 72. Said item 4513-1136 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further
628 amended by inserting after the word “media”, the third time it appears, the following words:- and
629 such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

630 SECTION 73. Item 7004-0107 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as most recently
631 amended by section 186 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by inserting after
632 the word “improvements”, the second time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall
633 be made available until June 30, 2025.

634 SECTION 74. Said item 7004-0107 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,
635 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “development”, the sixth time it appears,
636 the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

637 SECTION 75. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as most recently
638 amended by section 38 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by inserting
639 after the word “Fitchburg”, the second time it appears, the following words:- and such funds
640 shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

641 SECTION 76. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,
642 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “operations”, the second time it appears,
643 the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

644 SECTION 77. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,
645 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “station”, the second time it appears, the
646 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

647 SECTION 78. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,
648 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “growth”, the first time it appears, the
649 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

650 SECTION 79. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,
651 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “Scituate”, the second time it appears, the
652 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

653 SECTION 80. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,
654 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “need”, the second time it appears, the
655 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

656 SECTION 81. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,
657 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “programming”, the nineteenth time it
658 appears, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

659 SECTION 82. Item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by
660 inserting after the word “bus” the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until
661 June 30, 2025.

662 SECTION 83. Said item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby further
663 amended by inserting after the word “schools”, the fifteenth time it appears, the following
664 words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

665 SECTION 84. Item 8000-0313 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by
666 inserting after the word “Auburn” the following words:- and such funds shall be made available
667 until June 30, 2025.

668 SECTION 85. Item 8324-0050 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as most recently
669 amended by section 16 of chapter 88 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by inserting after the
670 word “item”, the fourth time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall be made
671 available until July 30, 2025.

672 SECTION 86. Said item 8324-0050 of said section 2 of said chapter 28, as so amended,
673 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “department”, the tenth time it appears, the
674 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

675 SECTION 87. Item 9110-9002 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby adding the
676 following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

677 SECTION 88. Item 0610-2000 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby
678 amended by striking out the figure “\$300,000” and inserting in place thereof the following
679 figure:- \$1,100,000.

680 SECTION 89. Said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by inserting
681 after item 1599-4417 the following item:-

682 1599-4448 For a reserve to meet the costs of salary adjustments and other economic
683 benefits authorized by the ratified collective bargaining agreements.....\$200,000,000.

684 SECTION 90. Item 4512-0206 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended
685 by adding the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended

686 to Southwest Corridor Park Conservancy, Inc. for biohazard cleanups along the Southwest
687 Corridor park in the Back Bay, Roxbury and South End sections of the city of Boston; provided
688 further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to the Gavin Foundation for biohazard
689 cleanup services in the areas of Andrew Square, Edward Everett Square and Sgt Alexander F.
690 Pacuska Circle in South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of Boston.

691 SECTION 91. Said item 4512-0206 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby further
692 amended by striking out the figure “\$6,478,000” and inserting in place thereof the following
693 figure:- \$6,528,000.

694 SECTION 92. Item 7006-0011 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended
695 by inserting after the figure “255F”, the second time it appears, the following words:- ; provided
696 further, that the division may expend from such revenue an amount to be determined by the
697 commissioner of banks as grants for the operation of a program for best lending practices, first-
698 time homeowner counseling for nontraditional loans and not less than 10 foreclosure education
699 centers under section 16 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2007; provided further, that said grants
700 shall be awarded through a competitive application process under criteria established by the
701 division.

702 SECTION 93. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended
703 by adding the following words:- ; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended
704 to the town of Chelmsford for a tree and invasive species inventory and management plan.

705 SECTION 94. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby further
706 amended by striking out the figure “\$22,791,545” and inserting in place thereof the following
707 figure:- \$22,866,545”.

708 SECTION 95. Item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended
709 by striking out the words “Merrimack Valley Children’s” and inserting in place thereof the
710 following words:- Merrimack Volley.

711 SECTION 96. Item 8000-0655 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended
712 by striking out the word “grantee” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- with
713 options for additional renewal periods.

714 SECTION 97. Item 8100-1001 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended
715 by striking out the words “Troop H to” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- ,
716 including, but not limited to, Troop H, the Mounted Unit, the Community Action Team and the
717 Marine Unit, to.

718 SECTION 98. Item 4000-0103 of section 2B of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by
719 striking out the figure “\$31,489,176” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
720 \$45,489,176.

721 SECTION 99. Item 1595-1068 of section 2E of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by
722 striking out the figure “\$433,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
723 \$444,250,000.

724 SECTION 100. Said item 1595-1068 of said section 2E of said chapter 140 is hereby
725 further amended by striking out the figure “\$682,202,000” and inserting in place thereof the
726 following figure:- \$837,827,000.

727 SECTION 101. Subsection (a) of section 201 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by
728 striking out the figure “2024” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “2025”.

729 SECTION 102. Said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by striking out section 250
730 and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:-

731 Section 250. Sections 80 to 99, inclusive, shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

732 Section 250A. Section 88 shall only apply to land purchased or taken under a tax title on
733 or after July 1, 2025.

734 SECTION 103. Item 1599-1953 of chapter 150 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by
735 striking out the words “Hanover Affordable Housing Trust for purposes including, but not
736 limited to, planning, design, engineering and construction of public housing units, site and
737 building infrastructure repairs and property acquisition” and inserting in place thereof the
738 following words:- Hanover Affordable Housing Trust for purposes including, but not limited to,
739 planning, design, engineering and construction of housing units, site and building infrastructure
740 repairs and property acquisition.

741 SECTION 104. Section 136 of said chapter 150 is hereby amended by striking out the
742 words “and section 101 of chapter 143 of the General Laws”

743 SECTION 105. Said chapter 150 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 136
744 the following section:-

745 Section 136A. The executive office of housing and livable communities shall promulgate
746 guidance or regulations pursuant to section 101 of chapter 143 of the General Laws not later than
747 June 15, 2025.

748 SECTION 106. Chapter 197 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out section
749 22 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

750 Section 22. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by adding the following 2
751 sections:-

752 Section 85. To establish Medicaid rates for skilled nursing facilities licensed pursuant to
753 section 71 of chapter 111, the division of medical assistance shall use as base year costs for rate
754 determination purposes the reported costs of the calendar year not more than 2 years prior to the
755 current rate year.

756 Section 86. (a) The division of medical assistance shall establish a skilled nursing facility
757 rate add-on program for bariatric patient care and a rate add-on program for 1-on-1 staffing of at-
758 risk residents requiring 24-hour monitoring and supervision for their safety and the safety of
759 other residents and staff. The division of medical assistance shall identify at-risk resident
760 populations to include in the rate add-on program for 1-on-1 staffing which shall include, but not
761 be limited to, residents that: (i) have demonstrated suicidal ideation; (ii) have demonstrated
762 aggressive behavior toward other residents or staff; (iii) have demonstrated exit-seeking
763 behavior; or (iv) are registered sex offenders. The rate add-ons for said program shall be
764 sufficient to defray the cost of employing the required staff to conduct the 24-hour monitoring
765 and supervision of the at-risk residents.

766 (b) The division of medical assistance may develop an add-on to rate of payment for
767 skilled nursing facilities that develop small house nursing homes and meet criteria established by
768 the executive office.

769 SECTION 107. Section 42 of said chapter 197 is hereby amended by striking out the
770 figure “83” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 85.

771 SECTION 108. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, employees of
772 the Berkshire County Regional Emergency Communications Center, employed by the Berkshire
773 county sheriff, are hereby transferred to the state 911 department. The transfer, including any
774 change in an employee's title or duties resulting from the transfer, shall not: (i) interrupt an
775 employee's service; (ii) impair an employee's seniority, retirement or other statutory rights; (iii)
776 result in an employee's loss of accrued rights to holidays, sick leave or vacation; or (iv) reduce
777 an employee's compensation or salary grade. Such employees shall not be considered new
778 employees for salary, wage, tax, health insurance, Medicare or any other federal or state
779 purposes. Upon transfer, the secretary of administration and finance shall become the employer
780 within the meaning of chapter 150E of the General Laws, and the transferred employees shall
781 become members of statewide collective bargaining unit 2, as certified by the department of
782 labor relations. Nothing in this section shall continue any obligation under any expired collective
783 bargaining agreement or any agreement made pursuant to an expired collective bargaining
784 agreement and any such agreement shall expire pursuant to its terms. Nothing in this section
785 shall be construed to confer upon any transferred employee any right not held immediately
786 before the date of transfer to the state 911 department or to prohibit any reduction of salary
787 grade, transfer, reassignment, suspension, discharge, layoff or abolition of position not prohibited
788 before such date.

789 SECTION 109. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an increase in
790 the annual rate of regular compensation that results from an increase in hours of employment,
791 overtime wages, a bona fide change in position, or a modification in the salary or salary schedule
792 negotiated for bargaining unit members under chapter 760 of the acts of 1962 that occurred

793 between March 1, 2020 and July 1, 2024, inclusive, shall not apply to paragraph (f) of
794 subdivision (2) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

795 SECTION 110. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in fiscal year
796 2024, the comptroller shall transfer \$150,000,000 from income surtax revenue as defined by
797 subsection (a) of section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the Early Education
798 and Care Operational Grant Fund established in section 19 of chapter 15D of the General Laws.

799 SECTION 111. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
800 comptroller shall transfer the fiscal year 2024 consolidated net surplus pursuant to section 5C of
801 chapter 29 of the General Laws to the Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund established in
802 section 35RRR of Chapter 10 of the General Laws.

803 SECTION 112. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, tax revenue
804 collected from capital gains income above the threshold established in section 5G of chapter 29
805 of the General Laws shall be transferred as follows for fiscal year 2024: (i) 34 per cent shall be
806 transferred to the Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund established in section 35RRR of
807 Chapter 10 of the General Laws; (ii) 17 per cent shall be transferred to the Commonwealth
808 Stabilization Fund established in section 2H of chapter 29 of the General Laws; (iii) 17 per cent
809 shall be transferred to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund established in section 24 of chapter
810 32A of the General Laws; (iv) 17 per cent shall be transferred to the Commonwealth's Pension
811 Liability Fund established in subsection (e) of subdivision 8 of section 22 of chapter 32 of the
812 General Laws; and (v) 15 per cent shall be transferred to the General Fund.

813 SECTION 113. The salary adjustments and other economic benefits authorized by the
814 following collective bargaining agreements shall be effective for the purposes of section 7 of
815 chapter 150E of the General Laws:

816 (1) the agreement between the sheriff of Middlesex county and the Teamsters Local
817 Union No. 122, Unit SM2, effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;

818 (2) the agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the
819 Coalition of MassDOT Unions, Unit B, Unit D02, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,
820 2027;

821 (3) the agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the
822 Coalition of MassDOT Unions, Unit C, Unit D03, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,
823 2027;

824 (4) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Service Employees
825 International Union, Local 888 on behalf of certain employees of the North, Middle, and South
826 Berkshire Registry of Deeds, Unit SC5 effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

827 (5) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Office of
828 Professional Employees International Union AFL/CIO Local 6 on behalf of certain employees of
829 the Hampden Registry of Deeds, Unit SC6, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

830 (6) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Office of
831 Professional Employees International Union AFL/CIO Local 6 on behalf of certain employees of
832 the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Unit SC6, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,
833 2027;

834 (7) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Office of
835 Professional Employees International Union AFL/CIO Local 6 on behalf of certain employees of
836 the Worcester Registry of Deeds, Unit SC6, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

837 (8) the agreement between the Sheriff of Plymouth County and the Association of County
838 Employees, Unit SP4, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

839 (9) the agreement between the Sheriff of Plymouth County and the National Correctional
840 Employees Union, Local 104, Unit SP1, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

841 (10) the agreement between the Sheriff of Bristol County and the Massachusetts
842 Correction Officers Federated Union, Unit SA4, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,
843 2027;

844 (11) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the International
845 Union of Public Employees/UFPO Local 1000 on behalf of certain employees of the Northern
846 Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Unit SC7, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

847 (12) the agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the
848 Coalition of MassDOT Unions, Unit E, Unit D09, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,
849 2027;

850 (13) the agreement between the Sheriff of Plymouth County and National Correctional
851 Employees Union, Local 301, Unit SP7, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

852 (14) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Service Employees
853 International Union, Local 888 AFL/CIO on behalf of certain employees of the Worcester North
854 Registry of Deeds, Unit SC1, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

855 (15) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and AFSCME Local
856 653, Council 93, Administrative Unit on behalf of certain employees of the Essex North and
857 South Registries of Deeds, Unit SC3, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

858 (16) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and AFSCME Local
859 653, Council 93, Employees on behalf of certain employees of the Essex North and South
860 Registries of Deeds, Unit SC3, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027; and

861 (17) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and AFSCME Local 93,
862 Council 414 on behalf of certain employees of the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Unit
863 SC4, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

864 SECTION 114. Sections 14 and 15 shall take effect on January 1, 2025.