

**HOUSE 4151:**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS.**

*(summary reflects text as amended and reported in-part)*

**SPONSORS:**

House Committee on Ways and Means

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

05/21/25 H4150, published as amended, Passed to be engrossed  
- 149 YEAS to 1 NAYS

05/27/25 Read; and referred to the committee on Senate Ways  
and Means, Reported (in part) by S2521

**EXISTING LAWS**

**AFFECTED:**

M.G.L. c. 3 § 65; c. 6 § 40; c. 7 § 61; c. 23D § 16; c. 23G §§ 1, 2, 3, 8, 29A, 48; c. 29; c. 30 §§ 39M, 39R; c. 40A § 1A; c. 60 §§ 64A, 68; c. 90 § 7I; c. 90F §§ 1, 4, 9; c. 111; c. 118E § 10 ½; c. 140 § 131M; c. 149 §§ 29, 44A, 44F; c. 269 § 10; Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024; Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024; Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024; Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024; Chapter 214 of the Acts of 2024; Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024; Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024; and Chapter 248 of the Acts of 2024

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**

- Appropriates \$532M in fiscal year 2025, including:
  - \$5.8M for Veterans' Benefits
  - \$28.9M for Settlements and Judgements
  - \$134.5M for the Medical Assistance Trust Fund
  - \$400K for Women Infants and Children Program Manufacturer Rebates
  - \$1.2M for Western Massachusetts Hospital Retained Revenue
  - \$60M for Home Care Services
  - \$42.9M for Residential Assistance for Families in Transitions
  - \$7.8M for State Police Private Detail Retained Revenue
  - \$4.2M for State Police Crime Laboratory
  - \$594K for the Military Division
  - \$174M for payments to fiscally strained acute care hospitals
  - \$35M for payments to fiscally strained community health centers
  - \$15.5M to support the transition to chipped electronic benefits transfer cards
  - \$10M for grants to municipalities for extraordinary emergency medical service costs
  - \$1M for a transfer to the Fair Housing Fund

- Requires funds donated to veteran's homes be received, deposited and invested by the Treasurer.
- Changes the annual reporting date for the Supplier Diversity Office from March 15 to June 1.
- Makes several technical changes to outdated statutory references resulting from the merger of the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation and the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency.
- Establishes the Office of the Inspector General Recovery Fund administered by the Office of the Inspector General.
- Increases to from \$50,000 to \$75,000 the maximum contract amount that may be awarded to a responsible bidder offering to perform the contract at the lowest price.
- Increases from \$150,000 to \$250,000 the maximum contract amount that may be awarded to the lowest eligible responsible bidder on the basis of competitive bids and adjusts record keeping requirements accordingly.
- Clarifies that pipelines, manufacturing, and storage facilities are subsets of natural gas facilities.
- Extends the deadline for municipalities to determine whether to retain or sell seized property from 14 days to 30 after judgment foreclosing former owner's right of redemption.
- Reduces the penalty interest rate on tax title accounts after foreclosure proceedings have begun from 16% to 8%.
- Authorizes Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency vehicles to equip audible sirens and flashing, rotating or oscillating red lights.
- Updates a technical reference to the Federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.
- Conforms the amount of a civil penalty for an employer's knowing use of a suspended commercial driver or vehicle to current federal penalties.

- Conforms the amount of a civil penalty for an employer's knowing violation of railroad-highway crossing law to current federal penalties.
- Imposes a lifetime commercial drivers license disqualification for use of a commercial motor vehicle in commission of human trafficking or organ trafficking crimes.
- Conforms the amount of a civil penalty for a commercial driver's violation of an out-of-service order to the federal penalty amount.
- Allows a pharmacy operated by the Department of Public Health to distribute a controlled substance related to reproductive health care services or used to ensure access to a controlled substance in the event of a public health emergency.
- Updates the composition of the MassHealth program advisory committee.
- Updates the OneCare Program to align with the changes to the Duals Demonstration necessitated by federal authority.
- Clarifies that the mandated coverage for applied behavior analysis services is available for treatment of Down Syndrome for individuals under the age of 21.
- Allows the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to pay state agencies directly for claims relating to healthcare programs.
- Exempts law enforcement officers currently certified by the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission from the limitations on transfer or possession of assault weapons and large capacity feeding devices.
- Exempts law enforcement officers currently certified by POST from the prohibition on possession of firearms on school campuses.
- Increases from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the contract size for public construction at which a security bond is required.
- Increases from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the contract size for public construction that requires greater contractual specification.

- Exempts law enforcement officers currently certified by POST from the prohibition on possession of firearms in prohibited government areas.
- Extends the reporting deadline for the special legislative commission studying the Commonwealth's funding structure for violence prevention services to December 31, 2025.
- Authorizes the Inspector General's retained revenue account to be available for the next fiscal year.
- Increases several retained revenue account amounts.
- Expands the Secretary of the Executive Office of Aging and Independence's authority to transfer funds among accounts.
- Increases the membership of the Massachusetts-Ireland trade commission.
- Extends to October 15, 2025 the reporting deadline for the special commission studying cost-of-living adjustments for public retirees.
- Extends to December 31, 2027 the deadline for state agencies to submit a report on gender designation on forms.
- Extends the reporting deadline for the Senior Housing Commission to December 31, 2025.
- Extends the reporting deadline for the alternative therapies for mental health treatments for veterans working group to December 31, 2025.
- Extends the reporting deadline for special commission to study the quality of life of veterans in the Commonwealth to December 31, 2025.
- Requires testimony and supporting documentation for an electric distribution company's application to revise rates to account for additional distribution infrastructure due to electric vehicle charging demand and requires the Department of Public Utilities to act on such applications within 6 months.
- Extends to November 15, 2025 the reporting deadline for the task force reviewing the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund.

- Transfers responsibility for conducting a study on the presence of endocrine disruptors in cosmetic products to the Department of Public Health and extends the reporting deadline to May 1, 2026.
- Clarifies the requirements for a petition to the Department of Public Utilities for the construction of an oil facility.
- Updates an incorrect reference to “generating facilities” with regards to the Energy Facilities Siting Board.
- Clarifies transferability between certain Early Education and Care line items.
- Excludes roadways owned by MassDOT from category of public ways over which oversized boats may be hauled within the town of Barnstable.
- Establishes a Senate Artistic Upgrade and Representation Fund for uses related to the historical and artistic qualities of quarters in the State House used by the members of the Senate and its employees.
- Limits application of reduced tax title penalty interest rates to tax titles taken on or after November 1, 2024.
- Clarifies that no person is required to be licensed to engage in selling or reselling tickets prior to January 1, 2026.
- Transfer funds from the Inspector General Expendable Trust to the Office of the Inspector General Recovery Fund.
- Ensures certain unexpended balances in MassHealth line items do not revert to the General Fund until September 1, 2025.
- Allows the Secretary of Health and Human Services to authorize transfers between certain MassHealth line items.
- Creates a task force to review and make recommendations on the funding and administration of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.
- Ratifies several collective bargaining agreements.

**ESTIMATED**  
**FISCAL**  
**IMPACT:**

This legislation makes \$532,563,008 in direct fiscal year 2025 appropriations.

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