

Massachusetts House of Representatives

Bill Summary

Bill #:	H.4589
Title:	An Act authorizing the town of Ludlow to pay a certain unpaid bill
Sponsor:	Rep. Aaron Saunders
Committee:	Municipalities and Regional Government
Hearing Date:	October 14 through October 21, 2025 written testimony hearing
Current Law:	<p>MGL Chapter 44, Section 14 states the law relative to municipal liability for lawful debts.</p> <p>Chapter 44, Section 64 states the law relative to municipal payments for services rendered to the city or town.</p>
Summary:	<p>Section 1 exempts the town of Ludlow from any contrary laws and authorizes the payment of an invoice for \$98,620 for goods supplied and services rendered to the town in 2024 as part of the Public Safety Complex project. Details in notes below.</p> <p>Section 2 provides that, as a prerequisite for paying the bill, the town must first receive a signed certificate stating, under penalties of perjury, that the goods or services for which the bill was submitted were ordered by an official or an employee of the town, and that the goods or services were actually received by or rendered to the town.</p> <p>Section 3 states that this act shall take effect upon its passage.</p>
Notes:	<p>This language was approved as Article 26 at the May 12, 2025 Annual Town Meeting. Special legislation is necessary because the bill is legally unenforceable, the expense having been incurred in a previous fiscal year.</p> <p>According to the bill sponsor's office, the invoice to be paid was for a product provided by Air Cleaning Specialists of New England, LLC (ACS). The Town purchased what's known as a vehicle exhaust removal system from ACS, which captures and removes harmful indoor pollutants associated with exhaust from idling or stationary vehicles.</p>