

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: S1650

Name: An Act creating a municipal and public safety building authority

Sponsor(s): Senator Comerford

Hearing Date: 7/24/25

Summary:

The bill proposes the establishment of the Massachusetts Municipal and Public Safety Building Authority, which provides funds for projects to modernize and construct new municipal and public safety facilities throughout Massachusetts. Under the bill, a dedicated trust fund—the Municipal and Public Safety Building Modernization and Reconstruction Trust Fund—will be created, receiving 33% of excise tax revenues from marijuana sales. These funds will assist municipalities in building or renovating essential facilities, such as police and fire stations, city and town halls, and public works buildings.

The Authority is chaired by the state Treasurer and operates with the goal of regional equity, prioritizing support for financially disadvantaged municipalities, and emphasizing environmentally sustainable and community-focused development. The Authority will manage the funds, finance debt, and oversee project approvals, ensuring that all undertakings are cost-effective, sustainable, and innovative.