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Thursday, July 7, 2022.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., under emergency rules, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Messages from the Governor — Bills Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill authorizing special police officers in the town of Natick to serve until the age of 70 [see House, No. 3762] (for message, see House, No. 4983), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, July 6.

Natick,—
special police
officers.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon “before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill further regulating the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Canton [see House, No. 4838] (for message, see House, No. 4984), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, July 6.

Canton,—
retired police
officers.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon “before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 4981), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, July 6.

Municipal roads
and bridges,—
bond terms.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1F, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the Senate Bill relative to extending certain state of emergency accommodations (Senate, No. 2985) or any recommended text or substituted text ought to be adopted (for order, see House, No. 4990). The order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Emergency accommodations.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4992) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) that the town of Williamstown be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises; and

Williamstown,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4993) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) that the town of Williamstown be authorized to grant two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises.

Williamstown,—
liquor
licenses.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4994) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Williamstown by making all gender references therein gender neutral; and

Williamstown,—
gender
references.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4995) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Williamstown.

Williamstown,—
town manager.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Enabling pharmacists to prescribe, dispense and administer PrEP (Senate, No. 2955) (on Senate bill No. 1407);

Pre-exposure
prophylaxis.

Establishing a Foster Parents' Bill of Rights (Senate, No. 2980) (on Senate bill No. 2954) [Senator Eldridge, of the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, dissenting];

Foster
parents',—
bill of rights.

Promoting diversion of juveniles to community supervision and services (Senate, No. 2987) (on Senate bill No. 2942); and

Juveniles,—
diversion.

Relative to forfeiture reform (Senate, No. 2988) (on Senate bill No. 2944);

Forfeiture
reform.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill authorizing the town of Tisbury to hold 2022, 2023 and 2024 town meetings outside of the geographic limits of the town if necessary for health and safety (Senate, No. 2990) (on Senate bill No. 2611), passed to be engrossed by the

Tisbury,—
elections.

Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Daniel Cahill and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Lynn be authorized to grant certain conservation restrictions to the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Essex County Greenbelt Association, Inc. in the city of Lynn, town of Saugus, and town of Lynnfield. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Lynn, etc.—
conservation
restrictions.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to bidding requirements for the state-funded public housing project known as Lee Fort Terrace in the city of Salem. To the committee on Housing.

Salem,—
housing
project.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O’Day of West Boylston, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill authorizing the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer an easement in certain property and the fee in certain properties to the city of Revere all for municipal purposes (House, No. 4221) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— to amend the bill by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4979),— pending.

Revere,—
land.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. O’Day of West Boylston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, then was adopted; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill creating an obesity task force and pilot program (House, No. 2397),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Obesity,—
task force.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill relative to mental health parity implementation (House, No. 1041).

Mental health
parity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing access to psychological services (House, No. 2062).

MassHealth,—
payments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to creating a universal consent process to share sensitive health information between healthcare providers (House, No. 2079).

Health
information,—
sharing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to better coordinate suicide prevention services, behavioral health crisis care and emergency services through 988 implementation (House, No. 2081).

Behavioral health trust fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create a thriving public health response for adolescents (House, No. 2084).

Youths,— mental health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure full system accountability for mental health parity (House, No. 2094).

Mental health parity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing signature authority for psychiatric nurse mental health clinical nurse specialists (House, No. 2105).

Mental health professionals,— authority.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve access to behavioral health services (House, No. 2114).

Behavioral health services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2076, a Bill relative to mental health counselor licensure (House, No. 4982).

Mental health,— licensure.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to housing authority executive director contracts (House, No. 1415) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing authorities,— contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to guarantee a tenant's first right of refusal (House, No. 1426) [Senators Keenan, Chandler and Lovely and Representatives DeCoste of Norwell and Muradian of Grafton dissenting].

Tenants,— right of refusal.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to enact Right to Purchase Legislation (House, No. 4208) [Local Approval Received] [Senators Keenan, Chandler and Lovely and Representatives DeCoste of Norwell and Muradian of Grafton dissenting]. Read; and referred under Rule 7A to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Housing,— right to purchase.

Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.

The following House bills, having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, were discharged from their position in the Orders of the Day, and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, in each instance, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston:

Authorizing certain members of the Webster Fire Department to buy-back eligible retirement service time (House, No. 3967);

Webster,— retirement.

Authorizing Jeremiah Z. Valli to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4435);

Jeremiah Valli.

Relative to the reserve time of public safety personnel in the city of Revere (House, No. 4572);

Revere,— public safety.

Authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises of Peter's Bella Pizza at 84 Highland Avenue (House, No. 4665); and

Salem,— liquor license.

Dedicating the grove at Heritage State Park in the city of Fall River as the David Almond grove, in honor of the late David Almond (House, No. 4832);

David Almond grove.

And they severally were passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At twenty-three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at sixteen minutes after one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Quorum.

As required under the provision of Emergency Rule 2(4), a roll call was taken for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and on the roll call 154 members were recorded as being in attendance.

Quorum,—
yea and nay
No. 210.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 210](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore a quorum was present.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Senate Bill relative to extending certain state of emergency accommodations (Senate, No. 2985), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4989. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency
accommodations.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2985, amended), was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Cabral and other members of the House moved to amend it by inserting after section 17 the following ten sections:

“SECTION 17A. Section 18 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, as appearing in 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘meeting’, in line 9, the following word:— information.

SECTION 17B. Section 18 of said chapter 30A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:—

‘Remote access,’ access through the internet, video conferencing or other video technology that allows the public to view and, when permitted or required, participate in a meeting of a public body remotely from a location other than the meeting location.

‘Remote participation,’ participation by a member of a public body in a meeting of that public body through internet, video conferencing or other video technology remotely from a location other than the meeting location.

SECTION 17C. Chapter 30A is hereby amended by striking out section 20 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 20 (a) Except as provided in section 21, all meetings of a public body shall be physically open, and remotely accessible, to the public.

(b) Except in an emergency, in addition to any notice otherwise required by law, a public body shall post notice of every meeting at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. In an emergency, a public body shall post notice as soon as reasonably possible prior to the meeting. Notice shall be printed in a legible, easily understandable format and shall contain the date, time and place of the meeting and a listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting.

(c) For meetings of a local public body, notice shall be filed with the municipal clerk and posted to the municipal website by the municipal clerk and may be posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building in which the clerk's office is located. For meetings of a regional or district public body, notice shall be filed and posted in each city or town within the region or district in the manner prescribed for local public bodies and notice shall be posted on the regional or district public body's website. For meetings of a regional school district, the secretary of the regional school district committee shall be considered to be its clerk and shall file notice with the clerk of each city or town within the district and the clerk of such each city or town shall post the notice in the manner prescribed for local public bodies, and notice shall be posted on the regional school district's website. For meetings of a county public body, notice shall be filed in the office of the county commissioners for the county and shall be posted on the county public body's website, and notice may be posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in the places as the county commissioners shall designate for the purpose.

For meetings of a state public body, notice shall be filed with the attorney general by posting on a website under the procedures established for this purpose and a duplicate copy of the notice shall be filed with the regulations division in the state secretary's office and notice shall be posted on the state public body's website, or the website of its parent agency.

The chair of a local public body, a regional or district public body, a regional school district, a county public body, or a state public body may petition the attorney general for the use of an alternative method of notice where the use of a website is unduly burdensome or presents a hardship to the public body or regional school district. The attorney general may prescribe or approve alternative methods of notice where the attorney general determines that the use of a website is unduly burdensome or presents a hardship and the alternative methods will afford effective notice to the public.

(d) (1) All public bodies and state public bodies shall provide for remote access and remote participation at every meeting.

(2) Members of a public body participating physically or participating remotely in a meeting shall participate in the same manner for the duration of that meeting. A public body shall have at least one-third of its members physically present at all meetings and members participating remotely may vote, count towards the quorum, and shall not be deemed absent for the purposes of section 23D of chapter 39.

(3) Members of a state public body participating physically or participating remotely in a meeting shall participate in the same manner for the duration of that meeting. A state public body shall have at least one of its members physically present at all meetings and members participating remotely may vote, count towards the

quorum, and shall not be deemed absent for the purposes of section 23D of chapter 39. All meetings of a state public body shall be video recorded with access to the recording posted on the website of the public body within 10 business days after the meeting.

(4) Remote access allowing the public to view or participate in the deliberations of a public body or a state public body shall be available without any paid subscription, toll, or similar charge. All public bodies and state public bodies shall ensure remote access to meetings is accessible to persons with disabilities and provided in such a manner as to ensure equal opportunity to such persons. Public bodies and state public bodies shall include captioning, which may be provided through automatic speech recognition technology, or other reasonable accommodations if needed, consistent with the American Disabilities Act and chapter 151B to persons with disabilities remotely accessing the meeting.

(5) All public bodies and state public bodies shall ensure that remote participation by members is accessible to members with disabilities and provided in such a manner as to ensure equal opportunity to such members. Public bodies and state public bodies shall include captioning, which may be provided through automatic speech recognition technology, or other reasonable accommodations if needed, consistent with the American Disabilities Act and chapter 151B to persons with disabilities participating remotely.

(e) After notifying the chair of the public body, any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting of a public body, or may transmit the meeting through any medium, subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number, placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, the chair shall inform other attendees of any recordings.

(f) No person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the chair, and all persons shall, at the request of the chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting of a public body. If, after clear warning from the chair, a person continues to disrupt the proceedings, the chair may order the person to withdraw from the meeting and if the person does not withdraw, the chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person from the meeting.

(g) Within 2 weeks of qualification for office, all persons serving on a public body shall certify, on a form prescribed by the attorney general, the receipt of a copy of the open meeting law, regulations promulgated under section 25 and a copy of the educational materials prepared by the attorney general explaining the open meeting law and its application under section 19. Unless otherwise directed or approved by the attorney general, the appointing authority, city or town clerk or the executive director or other appropriate administrator of a state or regional body, or their designees, shall obtain certification from each person upon entering service and shall retain it subject to the applicable records retention schedule where the body maintains its official records. The certification shall be evidence that the member of a public body has read and understands the requirements of the open meeting law and the consequences of violating it.

SECTION 17D. Section 22 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsections:—

(a) A public body shall create and maintain accurate minutes of all meetings, including executive sessions, setting forth the date, time and place, the members present or absent, a summary of the discussions on each subject, a list of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting, the decisions made, and the actions taken at

each meeting, including the record of all votes. Minutes of all meetings, including executive sessions, shall be created, and approved by the following meeting or within 30 days, whichever is later, unless the public body can show good cause for further delay.

SECTION 17E. Section 22 of said chapter 30A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the following:—

(c) The minutes of an open session, if they exist and whether approved or in draft form, shall be made available upon request to any person within 10 business days. A public body may, within 10 business days, refer the requester to the public body's website where the requested draft minutes may be found. Within 10 business days of approval, minutes of an open session shall be posted to the public body's website.

SECTION 17F. Said Section 22 of said chapter 30A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'meeting', in line 60, the following words:—

Within 10 business days of a determination that continued non-disclosure of executive session minutes is no longer warranted, such executive session minutes shall be posted to the public body's website.

SECTION 17G. Said section 22 of said chapter 30A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'review', in line 69, the following words:—

A public body may, within 10 business days, refer the requester to the public body's website where the requested minutes may be found if all requested minutes have been released to the public.

SECTION 17H. Section 23 of said chapter 30A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'violation', in line 34, the following words: or a civil penalty of not more than \$200 against any member of a public body for a third or subsequent knowing violation. A civil penalty against an individual member of a public body shall not be reimbursable with public funds.

SECTION 17I. Subsection (c) of said section 23 of said Chapter 30A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the seventh clause and inserting in place thereof the following clauses:— (7) reprimanding a member of a public body; provided, however that a third or subsequent reprimand shall be a public record; or (8) prescribe other appropriate action.

SECTION 17J. Subsection (f) of said section 23 of said Chapter 30A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:—

The remedy created hereby is not exclusive but shall be in addition to every other available remedy. In an action brought by 3 or more registered voters, such order of notice may also require the public body to reimburse said voters reasonable attorney's fees and court costs."; and

By adding the following section:

"SECTION 27. Sections 17A through 17J of this act shall take effect on April 1, 2023."

After remarks the amendments were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2985, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House [for text of House amendments, see House document numbered 4991, published as amended].

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain boat launch area in the town of Rutland as the Detective John D. Songy Boat Launch (see Senate, No. 535) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted, there being no objection; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Motion to Discharge a Certain Matter in the Orders of the Day.

The House Bill preserving open space in the Commonwealth (House, No. 851), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day, and considered forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Ms. Balsler of Newton, the question being on concurring with the Senate in its amendment.

Open space.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Balsler of Newton, O'Day of West Boylston and Gifford of Wareham were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Conference
committee.

The Senate Bill relative to military spouse-licensure portability, education and enrollment of dependents (Senate, No. 2559, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day, and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham.

Military
families.

After debate on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence (the Speaker having been in the Chair), Mr. Parisella of Beverly and other members of the House moved to amend it in section 12, in lines 297, 298, 300, 308 and 315, and in section 16, in lines 418, 421, 430 and 433, by inserting after the words "open burn pits" the words "or other airborne hazards"; and (Ms. Hogan of Stow having returned to the Chair) the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Philips of Sharon and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 5, in line 163, by striking out the words: "combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder or a service-connected disease, condition or injury related to the exposure to harmful toxins, herbicides, agents or materials," and inserting in place thereof the following: "(i) service-connected post-traumatic stress disorder; (ii) a condition resulting from a service-connected traumatic brain injury; or (iii) a service-connected disease, condition or injury related to the exposure to harmful toxins, herbicides, agents or materials,"; and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Vieira of Falmouth and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following two sections:

"SECTION 22. Section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

(v)(1) A partnership, limited liability corporation or other legal entity engaged in business in the commonwealth that is not a business corporation subject to the excise under chapter 63 and employs not more than 100 employees shall be allowed a credit equal to \$2,000 for each member of the Massachusetts national guard hired by the partnership, limited liability corporation or other legal entity. A business that is eligible for and claims the credit allowed under this subsection in a taxable year shall be eligible for a second credit of \$2,000 in the subsequent taxable year with

respect to such member of the Massachusetts national guard, subject to certification of continued employment during the subsequent taxable year.

(2) To be eligible for a credit under this subsection: (i) the primary place of employment and the primary residence of the member of the Massachusetts national guard shall be in the commonwealth and (ii) not later than the day an individual begins work, a business shall have obtained the applicable certification from the office of the adjutant general that the individual is a member of the Massachusetts national guard.

(3) The credit under this subsection shall be attributed on a pro rata basis to the owners, partners or members of the legal entity entitled to the credit under this subsection and shall be allowed as a credit against the tax due under this chapter from such owners, partners or members in a manner determined by the commissioner.

(4) A credit allowed under this subsection shall not be transferable or refundable. Any amount of the credit allowed under this subsection that exceeds the tax due for a taxable year may be carried forward to any of the 3 subsequent taxable years.

(5) The total cumulative value of the credits authorized pursuant to this subsection and section 38II of chapter 63 shall not exceed \$1,000,000 annually.

SECTION 23. Chapter 63 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after section 38HH the following section:—

Section 38II. (a) A business corporation with not more than 100 employees shall be allowed a credit against its excise due under this chapter in an amount equal to \$2,000 for each member of the Massachusetts national guard hired by the business corporation. A business corporation that is eligible for and claims the credit allowed under this section in a taxable year with respect to member of the Massachusetts national guard shall be eligible for a second credit of \$2,000 in the subsequent taxable year with respect to such member of the Massachusetts national guard, subject to certification of continued employment during the subsequent taxable year.

(b) To be eligible for a credit under this section: (i) the primary place of employment and the primary residence of the member of the Massachusetts national guard shall be in the commonwealth and (ii) not later than the day an individual begins work, a business shall have obtained the applicable certification from the office of the adjutant general that the individual is a member of the Massachusetts national guard.

(c) In the case of a business corporation that is subject to a minimum excise under this chapter, the amount of the credit allowed by this section shall not reduce the excise to an amount less than such minimum excise.

(d) A credit allowed under this section shall not be transferable or refundable. Any amount of the credit allowed under this section that exceeds the tax due for a taxable year may be carried forward to any of the 3 subsequent taxable years.

(e) The total cumulative value of the credits authorized pursuant to this section and subsection (v) of section 6 of chapter 62 shall not exceed \$1,000,000 annually.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Belsito of Topsfield and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 24. Clause Twenty-second of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out subclause (a), as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following subclause:—

(a) Soldiers and sailors who, as a result of disabilities contracted while in the line of duty, have a disability rating of ten per cent or more as determined by the Veterans Administration or by any branch of the armed forces. After the assessors have allowed an exemption under this clause, no further evidence of the existence of the facts required by this clause shall be required, and may not be requested by the city or town, in any subsequent year in the city or town in which the exemption has been allowed,

unless the disability rating determined by the Veterans Administration or any branch of the armed forces is reduced to less than ten per cent; provided, however, that the assessors may refuse to allow an exemption in any subsequent year if they become aware that the soldier or sailor did not satisfy all of the requisites of this clause at the time the exemption was first granted.”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Schmid of Westport and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 19 the following section:

“SECTION 19A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the president of the University of Massachusetts System, including the chancellors of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, and the presidents of Bridgewater State University and Salem State University may establish a veteran mentoring pilot program, at their respective institutions, to assist veterans attending the university to adjust to civilian life. The pilot program may include educational, financial and emotional support. The pilot program may also give non-veteran students the opportunity to learn the value of service from veteran students and volunteer veteran mentors.”.

The amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 211.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 211](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 2559, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House [for text of House amendments, see House document numbered 5000, published as amended].

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at thirteen minutes before six o’clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.