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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., under emergency rules, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a brief recess, and at the request of Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of John Godek of Fitchburg.

John
Godek.

A lifelong Fitchburg resident, John was born on April 10, 1951 to Henry J. and Margaret H. (Wells) Godek. He was a member of Fitchburg High School's class of 1969.

For the past 25 years, John owned and operated 1st Ad Specialties and served as a constable in the community. He also played piano in several bands including The Coachmen, The Survivors, The Review, and The Tories. One of his greatest accomplishments was helping organize the Worcester County First Responders' Golf Tournament.

John leaves his wife of 34 years, Norma L. (Gionet) Godek; his sister, Claudia (Godek) Holbert of Hampstead, NC and her children Haley, Tori, & Russell, and several nieces and nephews.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to a certain parcel of land in the town of Townsend (House, No. 4921).

Townsend,—
land.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 2611, a Bill relative to certain retirement benefits for the surviving spouse of a state police officer injured in the line of duty (House, No. 5020).

Felicia
O'Connor,—
retirement.

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

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to establish certain employment contracts for the town of Milford (House, No. 4887) [Local Approval Received].

Milford,—
employment
contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Barnstable to grant an easement to Park City Wind LLC (House, No. 4986) [Local Approval Received].

Barnstable,—
easement.

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By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Pembroke as the Judith Winsor Smith memorial bridge (House, No. 4889).

Pembroke,—
bridge.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Whately to continue the employment of Edwin Zaniewski (see House, No. 4206) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted, there being no objection; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

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

The engrossed Bill authorizing special police officers in the town of Natick to serve until the age of 70 (see House, No. 3762), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see House, No. 4983), was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and considered forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston.

Natick,—
special
police.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the amendment recommended by the Governor be considered in the following form:

By inserting after section 1 the following two sections:

“SECTION 1A. Said section 1 of said chapter 93 is hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- A special police officer appointed under this act shall comply with all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (i) maintaining certification and good standing with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; and (ii) complying with all annual in-service and other training requirements mandated by the municipal police training committee, and shall pass a medical examination by a physician or other certified professional chosen by the town to determine that such special police officer is capable of performing the essential duties of a special police officer, the cost of which shall be borne by the special police officer, prior to performing any police details.

SECTION 1B. Section 6 of said chapter 93 is amended by striking out the last sentence.”

The report was accepted. The amendment recommended by the Governor (as reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) then was adopted. Sent to the Senate for its action.

The following House bills, having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be 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. Honan of Boston:

Relative to certain voting precincts in the city of Quincy (House, No. 4875); and
Relative to the Millicent Library in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 5006);

Quincy.
Fairhaven.

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

House bills

To keep college graduates working (House, No. 425);

Relative to public safety personnel (House, No. 2608);

Relative to telemarketer disclosures (House, No. 4137);

Modernizing the Massachusetts alcohol laws (House, No. 4587);

Relative to consumer rights of renters (House, No. 4588);

Relative to acceptance of out-of-state identification in Massachusetts (House, No. 4589); and

Relative to the sale of malt beverages produced by a pub brewery (House, No. 4590);

Severally were discharged from their positions in the Orders of the Day and read a second time, under suspension of Rule 47, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston; and they were ordered to a third reading.

The Senate Bill establishing the third Saturday in July as Negro Election Day (Senate, No. 2703), 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. Honan of Boston.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith the third Saturday in July as Negro Election Day, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2703, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Recess.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at nineteen minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

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.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 212](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore a quorum was present.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Cutler of Pembroke) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

College graduates.

Public safety.

Telemarketers.

Alcohol laws.

Renters.

Out-of-state
identification.

Pub
breweries.

Negro
election
day.

Recess.

Quorum,—
yea and nay
No. 212.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Monday, October 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4922.

Labor and Workforce Development committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5021) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

The Senate Bill relative to military spouse-licensure portability, education and enrollment of dependents (Senate, No. 2559), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5000).

Military families.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Velis, Cronin and Fattman had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, the House insisted on its amendment; and concurred with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference. Representatives McMurtry, Peake of Provincetown and Berthiaume of Spencer were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be noted.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing the third Saturday in July as Negro Election Day (see Senate, No. 2703, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Negro Election Day.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 40 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

The engrossed Bill further regulating the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Canton (see House, No. 4838), which had been returned to the House by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see House, No. 4984), was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and considered forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton.

Canton,—special police.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the amendment recommended by the Governor be considered in the following form:

By inserting after section 1 the following two sections:

“SECTION 1A. Said section 1 of said chapter 394 is hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—Such special police officers shall comply with all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (a) maintaining certification and good standing with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; and (b) complying

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with all annual in-service and other training requirements mandated by the municipal police training committee; and shall also pass a medical examination by a physician or other certified professional chosen by the town to determine that they are capable of performing the essential duties of a special police officer, the cost of which shall be borne by the special police officer, prior to performing any police details.

SECTION 1B. Section 5 of said chapter 394 is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence.”.

The report was accepted. The amendment recommended by the Governor (as reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) then was adopted. Sent to the Senate for its action.

The House Bill relative to the authority of the Martha’s Vineyard Commission and the town of Oak Bluffs to exchange parcels of land (House, No. 4321), 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. Garballey of Arlington; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Oak Bluffs,—
land.

The House Bill relative to voting precincts in the city of Chicopee (House, No. 4860), 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. Wagner of Chicopee; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Chicopee,—
precincts.

The House Bill relating to economic growth and relief for the Commonwealth (House, No. 5007), 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. Michlewitz of Boston.

Economic
growth.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at eight minutes after two o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at eighteen minutes after five o’clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Recess.

Ms. Uyterhoeven of Somerville and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 96, in lines 1435 to 1439, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

“(f) Estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023 are not required to pay any tax under subsection (a) or (b) that would reduce the after-tax value of the federal taxable estate to \$2,000,000 or less.”.

After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Representatives Gouveia of Acton, Connolly of Cambridge and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 138, in line 2166, and in lines 2168 and 2169, by striking out the following: “not less than \$38,000 and”.

After remarks the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following five sections:

Consolidated
amendments.

“SECTION 4A. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 24, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

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Section 24. (a) The commission is hereby authorized to conduct a state lottery and shall determine: (i) the types of lotteries to be conducted; (ii) the prices of tickets or shares in the lottery; (iii) the number and sizes of the prizes on the winning tickets or shares; (iv) the manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares; (v) the manner of payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares; (vi) the frequency of the drawings or selections of winning tickets or shares; (vii) the types of locations at which tickets or shares may be sold; (viii) the method to be used in selling tickets or shares; (ix) the licensing of agents to sell tickets or shares; provided, however, that no person under the age of 18 shall be licensed as an agent; (x) the manner and amount of compensation, if any, to be paid licensed sales agents; provided, however, that the amount of compensation, if any, to be paid to licensed sales agents as a commission pursuant to this section shall be calculated on the total face value of each ticket or share sold and not on any discounted price of any such ticket or share sold; provided further, that the commission shall authorize licensed sales agents to facilitate point of sale transactions using a debit card; and provided further, that said commission shall prohibit point of sale transactions using credit cards as defined in section 1 of chapter 140D and that point of sale transactions under this section shall be subject to the restrictions pursuant to subsection (b) of section 51 of chapter 18; and (xi) such other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and economical operation and administration of the lottery and for the convenience of the purchasers of tickets or shares and the holders of winning tickets or shares. The commission is authorized to operate the daily numbers game 7 days a week. Each physical state lottery ticket or share shall have imprinted thereon the state seal and a serial number.

(b) The commission may establish, and from time to time revise, such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or desirable and shall file the same with the office of the state secretary; provided, however, that the commission shall establish rules and regulations for lotteries conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means that shall, at a minimum:

(i) require age verification measures to be reasonably designed to block access to and prevent sales of lottery tickets, games or shares online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means to persons under the age of 18;

(ii) limit sales of lottery tickets, games or shares online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means to transactions initiated and received, or otherwise made, within the commonwealth;

(iii) allow any player to voluntarily prohibit or otherwise exclude themselves from purchasing a lottery ticket, game or share online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means;

(iv) establish maximum limits for account deposits and transactions of lottery tickets, games or shares conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means and allow players to reduce their own deposit or transaction limit at any time;

(v) clarify that money in a lottery account belongs solely to the owner of the account and may be withdrawn by the owner at any time; and

(vi) require the commission to implement promotional activities to encourage the purchase of lottery tickets, games or shares through licensed sales agents including, but not limited to, the sale of prepaid gift cards for lottery sales through licensed sales agents.

(c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the name, address, transaction history, account balance or other personal or identifying information of an individual who purchases lottery tickets, games or shares online,

over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means shall not be deemed public records of the commission for the purposes of section 10 of chapter 66; provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the commission from maintaining, using or sharing such information in the course of an investigation by law enforcement or in compliance with sections 28A or 28B.

(d) The commission shall advise and make recommendations to the director regarding the operation and administration of the lottery. The commission shall report monthly to the governor, the attorney general and the general court, the total lottery revenues, prize disbursements and other expenses for the preceding month and shall make an annual independently audited financial report to the same which shall include a full and complete statement of lottery revenues, prize disbursements and other expenses, including such recommendations as it may deem necessary or advisable, which shall be made available electronically to the general public not later than the earliest date established for reports in section 12 of chapter 7A. The commission shall report immediately to the governor and the general court any matters which require immediate changes in the laws of the commonwealth in order to prevent abuses and evasions of the lottery law or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or to rectify undesirable conditions in connection with the administration or operation of the state lottery.

(e) The commission is authorized to carry on a continuous study and investigation of the lottery throughout the commonwealth in order to: (i) ascertain any defects in the state lottery law or in the rules and regulations issued thereunder whereby any abuse in the administration and operation of the lottery or any evasion of said law or said rules and regulations may arise or be practiced; (ii) formulate recommendations for changes in said law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder to prevent such abuses and evasions; and (iii) guard against the use of said law and rules and regulations issued thereunder as a cloak for the carrying on of organized gambling and crime.

(f) The commission shall make a continuous study and investigation of: (i) the operation and administration of similar laws in other states or countries; (ii) any literature on the subject which from time to time may be published or available; (iii) any federal laws which may affect the operation of the lottery; and (iv) the reaction of citizens of the commonwealth to existing and potential features of the lottery with a view to recommending or effecting changes that will tend to better serve and implement the purposes of the state lottery law.

(g)(i) There is hereby established within the commission a lottery advisory board. The lottery advisory board shall be comprised of the following members: the director of the lottery commission, or their designee; a representative from the New England Convenience Stores and Energy Marketers Association, Inc.; a representative from the Retailers Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; a representative operating as a licensed sales agent in a brick and mortar retail store in the commonwealth; a representative of the Massachusetts Restaurants Association, Inc.; a representative of an online lottery platform providing services in a nearby state; and a representative from the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health.

(ii) The lottery advisory board shall advise and assist the commission in the development and implementation of the lottery ecosystem comprised of traditional brick and mortar lotteries, lotteries conducted online, over the internet and through the use of mobile phone applications. The board shall review all processing fees associated with point of sale transactions using debit cards and make recommendation on said processing fees and the implementation of use of debit cards.

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(iii) The lottery advisory board shall meet monthly to advise and assist the commission in lottery modernization and to review actions taken by the commission with respect to online lottery development and implementation and to make advisory recommendations, as necessary. Annually, at the first meeting of the advisory board, members of the advisory board shall elect a chair. A majority of members of the advisory board shall be present for actions to be taken.

(h) The concurrence of the chairman and not less than 2 other members of the commission shall be required for all official actions of the commission. A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the commission, including any rules and regulations adopted by the commission or any amendments thereof, shall be forthwith transmitted, by and under the certification of the secretary thereof, to the governor.

(i) The commission shall have the power to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, papers, books, records and other evidence before it in any matter over which it has jurisdiction, control or supervision. The commission shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations to persons whose testimony is required.

SECTION 4B. Section 24A of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(a) For the purposes of this section, ‘group agreement’ shall mean any lottery activity in which the commission participates pursuant to a written agreement between the commission, on behalf of the commonwealth, and any state, territory, country or other sovereignty. The commission is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with 1 or more states or other jurisdictions, hereinafter referred to as a group, for the purpose of creating and maintaining multi-jurisdictional lottery games, including multi-jurisdictional lottery games to be conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means; provided, that any such lottery game to be conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means has been properly authorized by each state or other jurisdiction that is part of the group; provided further, that a group agreement shall not include the state lottery games created pursuant to section 24; provided further, that nothing in this section and nothing in a group agreement shall authorize the commission to make expenditures that are not consistent with restrictions on expenditures by the commission provided for in any other general or special law. The group shall determine the types of lotteries to be conducted, the prices of tickets or shares, the manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares, the manner of payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares and the frequency of the drawings or selection of winning tickets or shares. The commission may establish, and from time to time revise, such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or desirable to carry out the group agreement and shall file the same with the office of the state secretary.

SECTION 4C. Said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out section 25 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 25. (a) The apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets or shares and from all other sources at the point of sale shall be as follows: (i) the payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares which in any case shall be no less than 45 per cent of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets; (ii) the payment of costs incurred in the operation and administration of the lottery, including the expenses of the commission and the costs resulting from any contract or contracts entered into for promotional, advertising or operational services or for the purchase or lease of lottery equipment and materials, that in no

case shall exceed 15 per cent of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets, subject to appropriation; and (iii) the balance shall be used to fund budgeted aid to cities and towns as provided in section 18C of chapter 58, subject to appropriation.

(b) The apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lotteries conducted online, over the internet, through the use of a mobile application or through any other means as authorized by section 24 shall be as follows: (i) the payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares; (ii) the payment of costs incurred in the operation and administration of such lotteries, including the expenses of the commission and the costs resulting from any contract or contracts entered into for promotional, advertising or operational services or for the purchase or lease of lottery equipment and materials, that in no case shall exceed 15 per cent of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets, subject to appropriation; and (iii) the balance shall be used to fund an early education and care fund established in section 19 of chapter 15D.

SECTION 4D. Chapter 15D is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 19. (a) The department shall establish an early education and care fund to provide a funding stream to support early education and care in the commonwealth. Funds shall be used to provide long-term stability and develop a sustainable system for high-quality and affordable care for families including, but not limited to, subsidy reimbursement rates, workforce compensation rate increases and support for state-wide early education and care initiatives. Money in the fund shall be subject to appropriation and any unexpended balance at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

(b) The fund shall consist of: (i) revenue pursuant to subsection (b) of section 25 of chapter 10; (ii) other money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations; and (iv) interest earned on such money.

SECTION 4E. Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 70. (a) The terms defined in paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H shall apply to this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(b) The secretary of the executive office of housing and economic development, in consultation with the commissioner of revenue, shall determine qualifications for qualified data centers, to qualify for a sales and use tax exemption pursuant to said paragraph (yy) of said section 6 of said chapter 64H.

(c) To apply for the sales and use tax exemption pursuant to paragraph (yy) of said section 6 of said chapter 64H, the owner or operator of a data center shall submit to the secretary of housing and economic development an application on a form prescribed by the commissioner of revenue that shall include:

(i) the name, address and telephone number of the owner or operator;

(ii) the address of the site where the qualified data center is or will be located, including, but not limited to, information sufficient to identify the facility composing the data center, and the expected commercial operations date of each data center building that will be located at the data center facility;

(iii) the anticipated aggregate square feet of the qualified data center for which the sales and use tax exemption is being sought; provided, that in determining whether the facility has the required square footage, the total square footage of the data center facility shall include the space that houses the computer information technology

equipment, networking, data processing or data storage, including, but not limited to, servers and routers, and the following spaces that support the operation of enterprise information technology equipment including, but not limited to, office space, meeting space, loading dock space and mechanical and other support facilities.

(iv) the anticipated investment associated with the qualified data center for which the sales and use tax exemption is being sought;

(v) the anticipated number of jobs that the data center will create and maintain within 1 year, 5 years and 10 years of operations after certification; and

(vi) an affirmation, signed by an authorized executive representing the owner or operator, that the data center is expected to satisfy the certification requirements in this section as a qualified data center.

(d)(i) Within 60 days after receiving a completed application, the secretary of housing and economic development shall review the application submitted by the owner or operator of a data center and certify the data center as a certified qualified data center if the data center meets all requirements of this section.

(ii) The secretary shall issue a written certification that the data center qualifies for the sales and use tax exemption or provide written reasons for its denial and an opportunity for the applicant to cure any deficiencies.

(iii) Failure to approve or deny the application within 60 days after the date the owner or operator submits the application to the secretary shall constitute approval of the qualified data center, and the secretary shall issue written certification to the owner or operator within 14 days.

(iv) The certification shall provide the following information related to each data center:

(A) the effective date of the certification;

(B) the total square footage of the qualified data center;

(C) the total amount of land costs, construction costs, refurbishment costs and eligible data center equipment; and

(D) the beginning and ending date of the sales and use tax exemption for the first data center building, which shall begin on the effective date of the certification and be valid for qualification period, and for a qualified data center that is comprised of more than 1 data center building, the expected commercial operations dates and expected qualification periods for subsequent data center buildings expected to be located at the qualified data center.

(v) The secretary shall send a copy of the certification to the commissioner of revenue.

(e) The effective date of the certification shall be the date on which the application was submitted to the secretary or a prospective date stated in the application that does not exceed 5 years after the date on which the application was submitted; provided, that the certification shall be valid through the qualification period.

(f) The secretary and commissioner shall review the certification after 10 years.

(g)(i) For the purposes of this section, the term ‘material noncompliance’ shall mean the failure of a qualified data center to substantially achieve the investment requirements and minimum number of jobs pursuant to paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H.

(ii) The secretary may revoke the certification of a qualified data center after an investigation by the executive office of housing and economic development, in consultation with the department of revenue, and a written determination that the qualified data center is in material noncompliance with this section, paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H or the certification.

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(iii) Revocation shall take effect on the first day of the tax year in which the executive office of housing and economic development determines the qualified data center to be in material noncompliance. The commissioner of revenue shall, as of the effective date of the revocation, disallow any credits, exemptions or other tax benefits allowed by the original certification of tax benefits pursuant to paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H.

(h) Each qualified data center shall file a report with the secretary and commissioner prior to the end of the tenth year of the qualification period detailing whether it has met the specific investment requirements pursuant to paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H.

(h) The secretary, in consultation with the commissioner of revenue, shall promulgate regulations and shall issue instructions or forms necessary for the implementation of this section.”;

By inserting after section 72 the following two sections:

“SECTION 72A. The first paragraph of section 38A of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

For the taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and not later than June 15 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall determine and certify to the owner of a pipeline used for transmitting for a distance of 25 miles or more natural gas or petroleum or the products or by-products of either and to the board of assessors of every city or town where such pipeline is subject to taxation, the valuation, as of January 1 in such year, of such pipeline in said city or town; provided, however, that aboveground equipment, facilities, structures, improvements and other components associated therewith and located at a specific situs shall be certified to the associated city or town pursuant to this section.

SECTION 72B. Said section 38A of said chapter 59, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

For the taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and not later than June 15 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall determine and certify to the owner of such pipeline and to the board of assessors of every city or town where such pipeline is subject to taxation, the valuation, as of January 1 in such year, of aboveground and belowground facilities, equipment, structures, improvements and other components associated therewith; provided, that the pipeline itself shall be included with the belowground facilities, whether above or below ground, and located at a specific situs in said city or town. The valuation of each such pipeline system component shall be certified to the city or town within which it is located. The valuation of pipeline system components that constitute aboveground equipment, facilities, structures, improvements and other components associated therewith and located at a specific situs shall be certified to the associated city or town. For pipeline system components, such as line-pipe and mains, that are continuous in nature, the commissioner shall allocate the valuation to the associated cities and towns through which the pipeline system traverses based on pipe size and mileage in each city or town, if the valuation associated with the specific cities and towns is not ascertainable.”;

In section 79, in line 1154, and also in section 89, in line 1299, by striking out, in each instance, the word “fiscal” and inserting in place thereof the word “taxable”;

In section 85, in line 1264, and also in section 93, in line 1384, by striking out, in each instance, the following: “earned and” and inserting in place thereof the words “issued and any amount of the tax credit that exceeds the tax due for a taxable year”,

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In section 85, in line 1272, and also in section 93, in line 1392, by inserting after the word “years”, in each instance, the words “from the date an eligible theater production certificate is first issued by the office”;

By inserting after section 93 the following two sections:

“SECTION 93A. Section 1 of chapter 64H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of ‘Retail establishment’, the following definition:-

‘Rolling stock’, trucks, tractors and trailers, used by common carriers to transport goods in interstate commerce.

SECTION 93B. Section 6 of said chapter 64H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (xx), the following 2 paragraphs:-

(yy)(1) Sale of: (A) eligible data center equipment for use in a qualified data center; (B) computer software for use in a qualified data center; (C) electricity for use or consumption in the operation of a qualified data center; or (D) construction costs incurred for the construction, renovation or refurbishment of a qualified data center.

(2) If secretary revokes the certification of a qualified data center the commissioner shall, as of the effective date of the revocation, disallow any credits, exemptions or other tax benefits allowed by the original certification of tax benefits under this paragraph.

(3) If the qualified data center is sold to a new owner prior to the expiration of the exemption, tax benefits under this paragraph shall remain in effect and apply to a subsequent owner for the remaining duration of the 20-year qualification period.

(4) As used in this paragraph, the following words shall, unless the context clearly otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

‘Colocation tenant’, a person, partnership, company, corporation or other entity that contracts with or leases from the owner or operator of a qualified data center to use or occupy all or part of a qualified data center.

‘Computer software’, software purchased, leased, utilized or loaded at a qualified data center, including, but not limited to, maintenance, licensing and software customization.

‘Construction costs’, costs of materials, labor, services and equipment purchased or leased to construct a qualified data center facility, including, but not limited to, data center building costs, accessory building costs and building improvement costs, land development and site improvement costs, site utility infrastructure costs, building materials, steel, concrete, gravel, engineering services, heavy equipment, cranes, transportation equipment, excavation costs, storm water system and management costs, access roads, bridges, fencing, lighting, landscaping and other costs to construct the facility.

‘Eligible data center equipment’, computers and equipment supporting computing, networking, data processing or data storage, including, but not limited to, servers and routers; computer servers, routers, connections, chassis, networking equipment, switches, racks, fiber optic and copper cables, trays, conduits and other enabling machinery, equipment and hardware; component parts, replacement parts and upgrades; cooling systems, cooling towers, chillers, mechanical equipment, HVAC equipment, refrigerant piping, fuel piping and storage, adiabatic and free cooling systems, water softeners, air handling units, indoor direct exchange units, fans, ducting, filters and other temperature control infrastructure; power infrastructure for transformation, generation, distribution, or management of electricity used for the operations and maintenance of a qualified data center, including, but not limited to, substations, switchyards, transformers, generators, uninterruptible power supplies, backup power generation systems, battery systems, energy efficiency measures,

supplies, fuel piping and storage, duct banks, switches, switchboards, testing equipment and related utility infrastructure; monitoring and security equipment; water conservation systems, including, but not limited to, equipment designed to collect, conserve and reuse water; modular data center equipment and preassembled components of any item described in this paragraph, including, but not limited to, components used in the manufacturing of modular data centers; and any other personal property or equipment that is used or consumed in the operation and maintenance of the qualified data center.

‘Qualified data center costs’, expenditures made for the construction, refurbishment, renovation or improvement of a facility to be used as a qualified data center, including, but not limited to, the cost of land, land development and site improvement costs, site utility infrastructure costs, construction costs, data center building costs, accessory building costs and building improvement costs, and eligible data center equipment.

‘Qualified data center’, a facility in the commonwealth that:

(A) is owned or leased by: (i) the operator of the data center facility; or (ii) a person, partnership, company, corporation or other entity under common ownership of the operator of the data center facility;

(B) is comprised of 1 or more data center buildings that consist in the aggregate of not less than 100,000 square feet, and that are located on a single parcel, or on contiguous parcels, where the total eligible qualified data center costs of the data center facility are at least \$50,000,000 within a 10-year period from the effective date of the certification by the secretary as a qualified data center facility;

(C) is constructed or substantially refurbished;

(D) maintains a minimum of 100 jobs in the commonwealth; and

(E) is used to house computer information technology equipment, networking, data processing or data storage, including, but not limited to, servers and routers for the storage, management, and dissemination of data and information where the facility has the following characteristics: (i) uninterruptible power supplies, generator backup power, or both; (ii) sophisticated fire suppression and prevention systems; and (iii) enhanced security; provided, that a qualified data center shall be considered to have enhanced security if it has restricted access to the facility to selected personnel, permanent security guards, video camera surveillance, an electronic system requiring pass codes, keycards or biometric scans or similar security features.

‘Qualification period’, a 20-year period of time beginning on the effective date of the certification by the secretary of the qualified data center for the first data center building, and expiring at the end of the twentieth full calendar year following the calendar year in which the certification became effective; provided, that if the qualified data center is comprised of more than 1 data center building, the qualification period for each subsequent data center building that is constructed at the qualified data center facility shall start when each data center building begins commercial operations, as evidenced by receipt of a certificate of occupancy, and shall continue for a period of 20 full calendar years, expiring at the end of the twentieth full calendar year following the calendar year each respective data center building began commercial operations.

‘Secretary’, the secretary of the executive office of housing and economic development.

‘Substantially refurbished’, a rebuild, modification or construction of not less than 100,000 square feet of an existing facility that is a qualified data center where the total eligible qualified data center costs are not less than \$50,000,000 within a 10-year period from the effective date of the certification by the secretary as a qualified

data center facility, including, but not limited to: (i) installation of computer information technology equipment, networking, data processing or data storage, including servers and routers, environmental control, computer software and energy efficiency improvements; and (ii) building improvements.

(3) The commissioner shall promulgate regulations necessary for the administration of this paragraph.

(zz) Sales of rolling stock.”;

By striking out sections 94 and 95 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:

“SECTION 94. Section 1 of chapter 64I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words ‘retail establishment’, in line 7, the following words:- , ‘rolling stock’.

SECTION 95. Section 2A of chapter 65C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place the following subsection:-

(a)(1) A tax is hereby imposed upon the transfer of the estate of each person dying on or after January 1, 1997 who, at the time of death, was a resident of the commonwealth. The amount of the tax shall be equal to the credit for state death taxes that would have been allowable to a decedent’s estate as computed under section 2011 of the Code, as in effect on December 31, 2000, hereinafter referred to as the ‘credit’. For the estate of a decedent dying on or after January 1, 2023, who at the time of death, was a resident of the commonwealth, the following shall be used for the computation of the maximum credit for the state death taxes:

(1) Adjusted taxable estate equal to or more than—	(2) Adjusted taxable estate less than—	(3) Credit on amount in column (1)	(4) Rate of Credit on excess over amount in column (1)
0	\$40,000	0	0.0
\$40,000	90,000	0	0.8
90,000	140,000	\$400	1.6
140,000	240,000	1,200	2.4
240,000	440,000	3,600	3.2
440,000	640,000	10,000	4.0
640,000	840,000	18,000	4.8
840,000	1,040,000	27,600	5.6
1,040,000	1,540,000	38,800	6.4
1,540,000	2,040,000	70,800	7.2

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2,040,000	2,540,000	106,800	8.0
2,540,000	3,040,000	146,800	8.8
3,040,000	3,540,000	190,800	9.6
3,540,000	4,040,000	238,800	10.4
4,040,000	5,000,000	290,800	11.2
5,000,000	---	398,320	17.0

(2) In the event that the federal gross estate of a person includes real or tangible personal property located outside of Massachusetts at the time of death, the tax shall be reduced by an amount equal to the proportion of such allowable credit as the value of said real or tangible personal property located outside of Massachusetts bears to the value of the entire federal gross estate wherever situated, as determined under section 2011 of the Code, as in effect on December 31, 2000.”;

By inserting after section 116 the following section:

“SECTION 116A. Section 3 of chapter 137 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘to’, in line 6, the following words:-chapter 10 or.”;

By inserting after section 140 the following two sections:

“SECTION 140A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of revenue shall study the annual loss of municipal tax revenue resulting from tax exemptions on real property assessed at a value of not less than \$1,000,000. The study shall calculate the annual loss of tax revenue by each municipality in the commonwealth from tax-exempt real property assessed at a value of not less than \$1,000,000, including state-owned properties and properties eligible for payments in lieu of taxes. The department shall submit its findings to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not later than December 31, 2023 and shall make the report publicly available on its website.

SECTION 140B. The executive office of health and human services, in coordination with the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, established pursuant to section 76 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, shall publicly promote the disability employment tax credit pursuant to 101 CMR 28 to provide information to employers in the commonwealth. The executive office, in coordination with the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, shall report all efforts related to the public promotion of the disability employment tax credit to the joint committee on labor and workforce development not later than December 31, 2023.”;

In section 150, in line 2336, by striking out the following: “93 to 96” and inserting in place thereof the following: “93, 93A, 93B, 94 to 96”; and

By inserting after section 150 the following section:

“SECTION 150A. The exemptions authorized in paragraph (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H of the General Laws shall be effective for costs incurred after the effective date of this act.”.

On the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 213 in Supplement.]

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Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

Recess.

At two minutes after six o'clock P.M. (Wednesday, July 13), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at one o'clock P.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.