

Thursday, June 27, 2024 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), 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 Ryan of Boston and the entire Boston delegation, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Father Daniel J. Mahoney, Chief Chaplain Emeritus of the Boston Fire Department and retired Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Charlestown.

Fr. Daniel
Mahoney.

Born in Haverhill, 'Fr. Dan' had always dreamed of becoming a firefighter, or a priest. Through the grace of God both dreams became reality on October 1, 1964, when eight years after being ordained a priest, he was appointed Assistant Catholic Chaplain of the Boston Fire Department. He was appointed Chief Chaplain on October 1, 1991, until his retirement in 2022. Fr. Dan served at St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish in Revere, St. Joseph's Parish in East Boston, St. Zephryn's Parish in Wayland before finding his permanent home in Charlestown, Massachusetts at St. Francis de Sales Parish on the "Top of Bunker Hill" in 1968 where he was appointed Pastor in 1978.

Father Dan was laid to rest with a funeral mass this morning in St. Francis de sales Church. He was escorted by his many brothers and sisters of the Boston Fire Department. Along with many cousins from the Mahoney and Tannian families.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that (under Section 23 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Paul K. Frost of Auburn to serve as his designee on the special commission to study and make recommendations on: (i) the sustainability, efficiency and effectiveness of the emergency housing assistance program; (ii) how to best support and ensure the long-term sufficiency of those seeking shelter; and (iii) creating a regional based response to support families in need of shelter.

Emergency
housing
assistance
commission.

Statement of Representative Rogers of Cambridge.

A statement of Mr. Rogers of Cambridge was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for a portion of today's sitting due to being on official business outside the Commonwealth. Had I been present for Yea and Nay Nos. 128 and 129, I would have voted, in each instance, in the affirmative. My missing of roll calls earlier today was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Mr. Rogers
of Cambridge.

Statement of Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville.

A statement of Ms. Uytterhoeven of Somerville was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of June 13, 2024, due to official business elsewhere. Had I been present I would have voted in the following manner: Roll Call #121 on the Enactment of H.4744 – YES; Roll Call #122, H.4743, on Amendment #33 changed – YES; Roll Call #123 on Engrossment of H.4743 – YES. My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Ms. Uytterhoeven
of Somerville.

Order.

An Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Consumer
Protection and
Professional
Licensure,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4798), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (see Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its second annual report for fiscal year 2023;

POST
Commission.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2WWW of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the revenue and expenditure activity of the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund for fiscal year 2023;

Behavioral
Health Access
and Crisis
Intervention.

From the State Retiree Benefits Trust (“HST”) Board (see Section 24(f) of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) submitting the approved budget for said board for fiscal year 2025 [a copy of the communication was forwarded to the committee on Public Service, for their information];

State Retiree
Benefits
Board.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report for total spending related to pharmaceutical utilization for fiscal year 2023; and estimated spending related to pharmaceutical utilization for fiscal year 2024;

Pharmaceutical
utilization.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its comparative analysis of the rate differential for inpatient psychiatric and substance use hospital per diem payments reports on the outcomes achieved by Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and Community Partners; and

Inpatient
psychiatric
and substance
use hospital
payments.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7066-1123 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the State University and Community College Mental Health Legislative report of the methodology used to distribute funds for fiscal year 2024;

Universities
and colleges,—
mental health.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Sunday, June 30, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 1614, relative to restoring the retirement rights of certain employees.

Public Service,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order (Senate, No. 2747) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until June 30, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 1279, relative to civil service adoption.

Id.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order (Senate, No. 2751) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Subsequent to the noon recess,— Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,— The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Financial Services be granted until June 28, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 624 and 720, relative to financial services.

Financial Services,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peake of Provincetown, the order (Senate, No. 2791) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair,— 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 petition of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to property tax classification in the city of Boston. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—
property tax
classification.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Establishing recall methods for elected officials in the town of Lakeville (House, No. 4125) [Local Approval Received];

Lakeville,—
elections.

Relative to town elections in the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4203) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hopkinton,—
elections.

Relative to providing for recall elections in the town of North Brookfield (House, No. 4272) [Local Approval Received];

North
Brookfield.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the following House bills ought to pass:

Ensuring access to behavioral health services for children involved with state agencies (House, No. 146); and

Behavioral
health services.

To promote social emotional learning and the mental and behavioral health of students (House, No. 4576);

Students,—
health.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill to establish the Massachusetts incarcerated individual bone marrow and organ donation program (House, No. 2333), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4803) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

Incarcerated,—
bone marrow
and organ
donation.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, No. 3239, a Bill addressing challenges facing public libraries and digital resource collections (House, No. 4802). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Libraries,—
digital
resource.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill making certain appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (see House bill printed in House, No. 4786) (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; 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 House Bill designating domestic workers' rights day (House, No. 3091), 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. Cabral of New Bedford; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Domestic
workers'
rights day.

The House Bill providing for the retirement of William R. Cushing Jr., a police officer in the city known as the town of Braintree (House, No. 4214), 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. Gordon of Bedford; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Braintree,—
William
Cushing.

The House Bill criminalizing sexual assault by fraud of a medical professional (House, No. 4350), 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. Day of Stoneham; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Medical professionals,— sexual assault.

The House Bill relative to the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor of the city of Revere (House, No. 4551), 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. Ryan of Boston; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Revere,— mayoral vacancy.

The House Bill dissolving the Whately Water District (House, No. 4574, changed), 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 Ms. Fiola of Fall River; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Whately Water District.

Recess.

At twenty-three minutes before twelve o'clock noon (Thursday, June 27), on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M; and at six minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Changing the term of the elected office of moderator in the town of Stoneham (see House, No. 4075); and

Bills enacted.

Directing the fire department of the town of Burlington to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighters for Ryan DeCoste (see House, No. 4405); (Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership (House, No. 4722), 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. 4789),— pending.

Economic leadership.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Parisella of Beverly, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Decker of Cambridge and other members of the House moved to amend it by striking out section 153 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 153. (a) Notwithstanding section 39M of chapter 30 of the General Laws, chapter 149 of the General Laws and chapter 149A of the General Laws, a public agency or municipality may require a project labor agreement on contracts for public works construction and may require the project labor agreement to be incorporated into the contract specifications; provided, that prior to including a project labor agreement requirement, the public agency or municipality shall make a determination prior to issuing a request for proposals or bids that the project labor agreement on a specific project is in the best interest of the commonwealth, public agency or municipality.

(b) In making a determination of the best interest of the commonwealth, public agency or municipality pursuant to subsection (a), the agency or municipality shall consider the effects a project labor agreement may have on: (i) construction efficiency, cost and direct and indirect economic benefits to the public agency or municipality; (ii) the availability of a sufficient supply of skilled, qualified workers to complete the project; (iii) the timing of, and the prevention of delays or disruptions to, the construction process; (iv) the safety and quality of the public construction project; (v) the expansion of apprenticeship programs and workforce development in the construction industry; and (vi) the promotion of employment and training opportunities for women, minority workers and veterans.

(c) The department of labor standards shall promulgate regulations to increase diversity of contractors in project labor agreements, including, but not limited to: (i) incentivizing a certain percentage of contracts with minority-owned businesses; and (ii) demographics of the workforce reflecting the demographics, to the extent possible, where a project is located.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Ms. Decker; and on the roll call (Speaker Mariano of Quincy being in the Chair) 154 members voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

Amendment
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 128.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 128](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House moved (Ms. Hogan of Stow having returned to the Chair) to amend it by inserting after section 8 the following section:

“SECTION 8A. Section 4C of chapter 21A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

(l) The ocean management plan shall require an environmental DNA study to determine the nature of the habitat of and usage by the marine life specific to the area and shall examine potential impacts to the ecosystem, including, but not limited to, commercial and recreational fishing.”;

In section 31, in lines 531 and 532, by striking out the words “and national tour launches” and inserting in place thereof the words “, national tour launches and

regional professional theater productions”; and in line 542 and also in line 550, by striking out the figures: “5,000,000”, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the figures: “7,000,000”;

By inserting after section 34 the following section:

“SECTION 34A. Said chapter 23A is hereby further amended by adding the following section:—

Section 70. (a) The terms defined in paragraph (aaa) 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 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 paragraph (aaa) of section 6 of chapter 64H.

(c) To apply for the sales and use tax exemption pursuant to paragraph (aaa) of section 6 of chapter 64H, the owner or operator of a data center shall submit to the secretary of 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)(1) Within 60 days after receiving a completed application, the secretary of 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

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

(i) the effective date of the certification;

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

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

(iv) the beginning and ending dates 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.

(5) 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)(1) 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 (aaa) of section 6 of chapter 64H.

(2) The secretary may revoke the certification of a qualified data center after an investigation by the executive office of 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 (aaa) of section 6 of chapter 64H or the certification.

(3) Revocation shall take effect on the first day of the tax year in which the executive office of 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 (aaa) 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 (aaa) of section 6 of chapter 64H.

(i) 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.”;

In section 103, in line 1387, and also in section 118, in line 1798, by inserting after the word “production.”, in each instance, the following paragraph:

“‘Regional professional theater production’, a live stage production that is performed in a qualified production facility with a professional cast and crew.”; and

In line 1440, and also in line 1812, by striking out the figures: “5,000,000” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the figures: “7,000,000”;

In section 118, in line 1759, by striking out the following: “or (c) a national tour launch” and inserting in place thereof the following: “(c) a national tour launch; or (d) a regional professional theater production”;

In section 120, in line 2084, by striking out the following: “2 subsections” and inserting in place thereof the following: “3 paragraphs”; and by adding the following nineteen paragraphs:

“(aaa)(1) Sales 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, the cost of data center building, accessory building, building improvement, land development, site improvement, site utility infrastructure, building materials, steel, concrete, gravel, engineering services, heavy equipment, cranes, transportation equipment, excavation, storm water system and management, 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: (i) servers and routers, computer servers and routers, connections, chassis, networking equipment, switches, racks, fiber optic and copper cables, trays, conduits and other enabling machinery, equipment and hardware; (ii) component parts, replacement parts and upgrades; (iii) 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; (iv) 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; (v) monitoring and security equipment; (vi) water conservation systems, including, but not limited to, equipment designed to collect, conserve and reuse water; (vii) 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 (viii) 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, site

improvement, site utility infrastructure, construction, data center building, accessory building, building improvement 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 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.”;

By inserting after section 120 the following section:

“SECTION 120A. Section 1A of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

The commissioner shall require each district to: (i) notify students, prior to graduating from high school, of the availability of the free application for federal student aid, known as the FAFSA; (ii) provide students with information on financial aid options for post-secondary education; and (iii) provide students with instructions

for completing the FAFSA. The commissioner shall provide guidance to districts related to the implementation of this paragraph regarding the distribution of information concerning the FAFSA and information to parents and guardians related to all options for financial assistance for high school students contemplating a post-secondary education.”;

By inserting after section 146 the following section:

“SECTION 146A. Subsection (e) of section 9 of chapter 152 of the acts of 1997 is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘Fund’ the following words:- ; and provided further, that the surcharge shall not apply to rental transaction contracts pursuant to section 32J of chapter 90 of the General Laws.”.

By inserting after section 147 the following section:

“SECTION 147A. (a) The department of elementary and secondary education shall, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, implement a 5-year pilot program to develop a process for granting educator certification that may be used as an alternative to the testing requirements in section 38G of chapter 71 of the General Laws. The program shall allow candidates for certification to earn an initial preliminary certification that may lead to permanent certification after 4 years of teaching experience during which the candidate for licensure demonstrates teacher proficiency as measured by student growth scores and other factors, as determined by the department.

(b) The alternative certification process may allow for a waiver of not more than 1 of the 2 testing requirements pursuant to said section 38G of said chapter 71, per candidate, and shall include consideration of factors, including, but not limited to, whether a candidate has: (i) obtained certification in another state approved by the department; (ii) completed a satisfactory portfolio of items that may include student feedback or competency-based projects; or (iii) obtained a master’s degree or doctorate from an accredited institution.

(c) The department shall limit the hiring of candidates alternatively certified pursuant to this section to those public school districts and charter schools that the department certified as having demonstrated 1 of the following characteristics: (i) a demographic disparity between the district’s student population and its teaching workforce; (ii) a shortage of teachers to serve English language learners; or (iii) a critical need to fill teacher vacancies. The department shall not allow any district to fill more than 10 per cent of its teaching positions with educators alternatively certified.

(d) The department may use the results of the alternative assessment pilot authorized by subsection (e) of 603 CMR 7.04 to inform the development of the alternative licensure process required by this section.

(e) The department shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the pilot program and the use of the alternative certification process during the pilot period. The evaluation shall include: (i) a measurement of student impacts as measured by student growth and other factors; (ii) an assessment of progress made in diversifying the educator workforce; and (iii) an assessment of the impacts on candidates of diverse backgrounds.”;

By inserting after section 159 the following four sections:

“SECTION 159A. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, each school district, as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, and each charter school, as defined in section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, shall establish a diversity plan that conforms with the guidelines established by the department of elementary and secondary education pursuant to subsection (b). Such

plans shall set forth specific goals and timetables for achievement. The plans shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and shall be updated after 3 years.

(b) To promote a racially and ethnically diverse educator workforce, the department of elementary and secondary education shall:

(i) establish guidelines for diversity plans that shall include, but not be limited to, the following goals: (A) identify and eliminate discriminatory barriers to hiring and learning in a school or district; (B) remedy the effects of past discriminatory practices; (C) identify, recruit and hire employees who are members of under-represented groups; (D) develop, promote and retain employees who are members of under-represented groups; and (E) ensure equal opportunity in employment for educators. In developing these guidelines, the department shall consult with experts and school leaders from public schools or school districts that have experienced significant increases in hiring and retaining racially and ethnically diverse educators;

(ii) establish a process for reviewing diversity plans based on clearly defined criteria. A public school district or charter school shall amend any plan deemed not to conform with the requirements of this section. A public school district or charter school shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of this section if it has prioritized diversity in its 3-year plan required by section 1S of chapter 69 of the General Laws or in any other strategic plan developed by the district;

(iii) establish periodic reporting requirements for public school districts and charter schools concerning the implementation of their diversity plans and all actions taken to ensure compliance with this section and applicable state and federal laws. These reporting requirements shall be incorporated into existing reporting mechanisms and schedules where feasible;

(iv) assist public school districts and charter schools in complying with their diversity plans and applicable federal and state laws; and

(v) require approved educator preparation programs to implement diversity plans to increase the racial and ethnic diversity of program completers. These plans shall be required as part of the educator preparation program approval process and the department shall make each program's plan publicly available. The department shall establish guidelines for educator preparation program diversity plans.

(c) The board of elementary and secondary education shall review compliance with these diversity plans and policies on a regular basis and may provide further recommendations regarding educator diversity.

SECTION 159B. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, each school district, as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, and each charter school as defined in section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, shall have a diversity, equity and inclusion officer or shall establish a diversity team, referred to in this section as a diversity officer or team. The role and responsibilities of a diversity officer or team may be assigned to an existing school employee or existing school entity. Diversity officers and teams shall report directly to the superintendent. Diversity officers and teams shall coordinate their school district or school's compliance with the requirements of this section and applicable federal and state laws.

(b) Each school district and charter school shall establish a process for advising the school committee or board of trustees on matters of diversity, equity and inclusion in the school district. The process may include establishing an educator diversity council consisting of educators, administrators and students, which shall meet regularly with the superintendent or the diversity officer or team and the school committee or board of trustees. The school committee or board of trustees may appoint 1 of its members to serve as an ex-officio member of the educator diversity council.

(c) Pursuant to guidelines established by the department of elementary and secondary education, all superintendents, school committee members, boards of trustees, district leaders, principals and school district employees shall complete a diversity and implicit bias training course, the frequency of which shall be established by the department.

SECTION 159C. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education shall set measurable educator diversity goals for the commonwealth and shall collect and report publicly statewide educator diversity data. The data shall be reported in an online dashboard established in consultation with the board of elementary and secondary education. The data shall include, but not be limited to, (i) the number of educators hired and retained who meet the department's educator diversity goals; (ii) racial demographics of educators who complete Massachusetts state educator preparation programs, and (iii) teacher qualification data from school and district report cards. The department shall report on the success of the 5-year pilot program developed pursuant to section 147A, diversity plans implemented pursuant to section 159A and the diversity, equity and inclusion officers or diversity teams implemented pursuant to section 159B. The department shall report annually to the board of elementary and secondary education on state educator diversity data and goals. The department shall also submit a report on the state of educator diversity to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not later than June 30.

(b) Each public school district and charter school shall collect and report educator diversity data publicly in a manner prescribed by the department; provided, that the department shall utilize existing reporting mechanisms and schedules to collect educator diversity data and outcomes and shall annually present both to the school committee or board of trustees. The data reported pursuant to this paragraph shall include information regarding the achievement of goals set pursuant to clause (i) of subsection (b) of section 159A.

SECTION 159D. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate rules and regulations for sections 147A, 159A, 159B and 159C to implement the requirements. Such regulations shall include a schedule for public school districts and charter schools to meet the planning and reporting requirements; provided, that such schedule shall prioritize implementation for school districts and charter schools that have significant race and ethnicity disparities between educator and student demographics.”;

By inserting after section 160 the following section:

“SECTION 160A. Sections 147A, 159A, 159B, 159C and 159D are hereby repealed.”;

By inserting after section 167 the following three sections:

“SECTION 167A. The exemptions authorized in paragraph (aaa) of section 6 of chapter 64H of the General Laws, inserted by section 103, shall be effective for costs incurred after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 167B. Section 147A shall take effect 90 days after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 167C. Section 160A shall take effect 5 years after the effective date of this act.”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the consolidated 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 132 members voted in the affirmative and 24 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 129](#) in Supplement.]

Consolidated
amendments
adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 129.

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed (the Speaker having been in the Chair), at twenty-three minutes before five o'clock P.M. (Thursday, June 27), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford having taken the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-one minutes after eight o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following two sections:

Consolidated amendments.

“SECTION 7A. Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 4I and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 4I. There shall be within the executive office for administration and finance, but not under its supervision or control, a commission to be known as the civil service commission, consisting of 5 members, 1 of whom because of vocation, employment, occupation or affiliation, may be classified as a bona fide representative of labor and 2 of whom shall have prior experience serving as a town administrator, city manager, select board member or city councilor.

Upon the expiration of the term of office of a commissioner of the civil service commission, a successor shall be appointed by the governor for 5 years; provided, however, that if such successor is not appointed within 60 days of the expiration of the term of office of a commissioner, the said commissioner shall be deemed to be reappointed to a full term. Not more than 3 of such members of the commission shall be members of the same political party, and, of the members of the commission who are enrolled as members of a political party on the voting list used at the primaries, not more than a majority of such members shall be of the same political party. The governor shall, from time to time, designate 1 of the members as chair. The positions of chair and each other member of the commission shall be classified in accordance with section 45 of chapter 30 and the salaries shall be determined in accordance with section 46C of said chapter 30. The commissioners shall be reimbursed for their travel and other necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings.

Meetings of the commission shall be held at such time and location as it may determine and the commission shall meet upon the request of the personnel administrator. The commission shall in its rules of practice and procedure provide for the conduct of hearings throughout the commonwealth when it would best serve the interested parties.

The commission or any member thereof, or the personnel administrator may require, in connection with the activities authorized by law, any official or employee of the human resources division to give full information and to provide all papers and records relating to any official act performed by them.

SECTION 7B. Said chapter 7 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 4S, added by section 29 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, the following section:-

Section 4T. A position shall be established at the manager level under the supervision of the director of diversity and equal opportunity with the responsibility to promote diversity and equal opportunity in civil service employment throughout the commonwealth. The manager of civil service diversity, equity and inclusion shall be responsible for: (i) overseeing initiatives and addressing issues involving diversity, equity and inclusion in public safety employment, with a particular focus on civil service municipalities and municipalities that have left the civil service system; and (ii) providing support to the commission on recruitment, hiring and retention of municipal police officers and firefighters in Massachusetts established by section 78 of chapter 31.”;

In section 30, in line 512, by inserting after the word “site” the words “; provided, that for local review procedures the regulatory office shall consult with relevant municipal officials and regional planning agencies responsible for local review procedures”;

In section 33, in line 661, by inserting after the word “corporations” the words “, regional planning agencies”;

In section 34, in line 677, by striking out the word “revenue” and inserting in place thereof the words “net profit”;

By inserting after section 78 the following sixty sections:—

SECTION 78A. Section 1 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 to 6, inclusive, the words “personnel administrator of the human resources division within the executive office for administration and finance” and inserting in place thereof the following words:—agency head or chief human resources officer of the human resources division within the executive office for administration and finance or a delegated agent.

SECTION 78B. Said section 1 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 18 to 21, inclusive, the words “(e) assuring fair treatment of all applicants and employees in all aspects of personnel administration without regard to political affiliation, race, color, age, national origin, sex, marital status, handicap,” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— (e) notwithstanding potential remedies provided by any other laws that prohibit discrimination in employment, assuring fair treatment of all applicants and employees in all aspects of personnel administration without regard to political affiliation, race, color, age, national origin, sex, marital status, military status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity.

SECTION 78C. Said section 1 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 44, the words ““Department” or “division”” and inserting in place thereof the following word:— “Division”.

SECTION 78D. Said section 1 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition “Departmental unit” the following definition:—

“Disability”, any condition or characteristic, physical or mental, which substantially limits one or more major life activities; or a record of such impairment; or the external manifestations of such impairment.

SECTION 78E. Said section 1 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “examination”, in line 71, the following words:— , where required by the rules of the administrator,.

SECTION 78F. Said section 1 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 82 to 85, inclusive, the definition of “Handicap”.

SECTION 78G. Said section 1 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended, by striking out, in lines 94 and 95 the words “six or section twenty-eight” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— 6, 6D or 28.

SECTION 78H. Subsection (b) of section 2 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the third and fourth paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following 2 paragraphs:—

The appeal shall be accompanied by such form as the commission may prescribe containing a statement of the allegations that form the basis of the aggrieved person’s appeal with specific reference to the provisions of this chapter or the rules of the administrator or basic merit principles that have been violated, together with an explanation of how the person has been harmed.

Hearings on any appeal pending before the commission may be held before any member thereof, who shall report their findings of fact and recommendations to the commission for its action. Alternatively, the chair of the commission may appoint as hearing officer any other disinterested person who is experienced in adjudication or well-versed in the provisions of this chapter; provided, that upon the conclusion of any such hearing, and consistent with the provisions governing tentative decisions set forth in the Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure, the assigned hearing officer shall report their findings of fact and recommendations to the commission for its action.

SECTION 78I. Said section 2 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the figure “31A”, in line 49, the following words:— or this chapter.

SECTION 78J. Said section 2 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following 5 subsections:—

(d) To hear and decide appeals concerning performance evaluations or performance audits conducted by the administrator, as provided by this chapter or chapter 31A.

(e) To award reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs up to \$25,000 to an appellant who prevails in an appeal brought under this chapter, upon an express finding of either bad faith on the part of the appointing authority or an egregious or willfully repeated violation of this chapter, unless special circumstances would render such an award in full unjust.

(f) To recommend any proposed rule changes to the administrator it feels would be consistent with basic merit principles outlined in this chapter and would be in the public interest.

(g) To adopt such rules of procedure as necessary for the conduct of its proceedings.

(h) To close all or a portion of a hearing or proceeding conducted by the commission pursuant to this chapter, and to make such orders deemed necessary to protect the privacy of a person’s health or other acutely sensitive or confidential information.

SECTION 78K. Section 4 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 12 and 13 and 27, the words “in one or more newspapers” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- on the websites of the administrator and the commission.

SECTION 78L. Said section 4 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “copy”, in line 23, the following words:- or transmit the entire revised set of rules via electronic media.

SECTION 78M. Section 5 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 30, the words “handicapped persons” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- persons with disabilities.

SECTION 78N. Said section 5 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 33, the word “handicapped” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- persons with disabilities.

SECTION 78O. Section 6 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 10 and 11, the words “twenty-six, forty, forty-seven, fifty-six, and sixty” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 6D, 26, 40, 47, 56 and 60.

SECTION 78P. Section 6A of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- division.

SECTION 78Q. Said chapter 31 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 6C the following section:—

Section 6D. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the administrator may approve the original appointments of a municipal appointing authority sanctioned by sections 59A, 59B or 59C; provided, that the administrator’s role in facilitating such alternative original appointments shall not serve as the predicate for any claim asserted against the administrator under chapter 151B.

SECTION 78R. Section 6D of said chapter 31, as inserted by section 78Q, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 78S. Section 20 of said chapter 31, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words “not exceeding ten dollars.”

SECTION 78T. Said section 20 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the second through fourth paragraphs, inclusive.

SECTION 78U. The fourth paragraph of section 21 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The administrator shall notify the Massachusetts commission against discrimination when it issues a certification with this limitation.

SECTION 78V. Said section 21 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:—

The administrator may limit eligibility to appear on a certification for an original appointment to persons who are fluent in a specified foreign language commonly spoken among the constituency to be served if the appointing authority requests such limitation in its requisition. For public safety departments that have entered into an agreement with the administrator to facilitate alternative pathway appointments under section 59A, at the end of the hiring cycle as defined by such agreement, any appointment to a municipal public safety position that resulted in the non-selection of another candidate entitled to a preference under section 26 and such other candidate would have been appointed but for the limitation of the special certification requiring foreign language fluency, the appointment shall be deemed by the local appointing authority to be pursuant to sections 59A and 59D if said restriction on the basis of foreign language fluency yielded an appointment of a candidate not entitled to any statutory preference.

SECTION 78W. Section 24 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “questions”, in lines 3 to 4, the following words:— or training and experience sheet.

SECTION 78X. Said section 24 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 14, the words “, within thirty days,” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— shall forthwith.

SECTION 78Y. Section 25 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “last examination taken” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— highest examination score achieved.

SECTION 78Z. Said section 25 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 51, the words “shall nullify an appointment of such person” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— may, in the administrator’s discretion, nullify an appointment of such person; provided, however, that the name of a person who has been certified to an appointing authority for an entry-level position and who is under consideration for appointment shall remain in

effect until the hiring process is completed by the appointing authority and any notice of appointment submitted to the administrator.

SECTION 78AA. Section 27 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “accept”, in line 3, the following words:— a promotional.

SECTION 78BB. Said section 27 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 5, the word “If” and inserting in place there of the following words:— In the case of either an original or promotional vacancy, if.

SECTION 78CC. The first paragraph of said section 27 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence:— If the administrator or an appointing authority delegated by the administrator, applying the formula for original appointments set out in the rules of the administrator, certifies from an eligible list the names of persons who are qualified and willing to accept an original appointment, the appointing authority, pursuant to the civil service law and rules, may appoint only from among such persons; provided, however, that for each such person, if any, who is bypassed or rejected as not being in compliance with applicable entrance requirements or who withdraws from the application process, the appointing authority may appoint from among a group that includes the next highest-ranked person on the certification; and provided further, that the administrator or an appointing authority delegated by the administrator shall not include the name of any person who has been so bypassed or rejected on any future certification from the same original appointment eligible list unless directed to do so by the commission.

SECTION 78DD. Said section 27 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

If an appointing authority makes an original or promotional appointment from a certification of any qualified person other than the qualified person whose name appears highest, and the person whose name ranks highest on the certification is willing to accept such appointment, the appointing authority shall immediately provide to the person who ranked highest a written statement of the reasons for appointing the person whose name was not highest and such appointment shall be effective only when such statement of reasons has been provided. This written statement shall notify the bypassed individual of their right to appeal to the commission, should the reasons proffered not be deemed by the individual sound and sufficient, within 60 days of issuance of the statement of reasons. In response to a public records request, the appointing authority shall make a copy of such statement available for inspection.

SECTION 78EE. Section 33 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5 to 6, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- departmental.

SECTION 78FF. Section 41A of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word “chairman” and inserting in place thereof the following word:— chair.

SECTION 78GG. The first paragraph of section 42 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— If the commission finds that the appointing authority has failed to follow said requirements and that the rights of said person have been prejudiced thereby, the commission may order the appointing authority to restore said person to employment immediately with or without loss of compensation or other rights.

SECTION 78HH. The first paragraph of section 43 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first 2 sentences and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:— If a person aggrieved by a decision of an appointing authority made pursuant to section 41 shall, within 10 days after receiving written notice of such decision, appeal in writing to the commission, they shall be given a preliminary hearing before a member of the commission or some other disinterested person designated by the chair of the commission. The preliminary hearing shall occur within 60 days after docketing the appeal and, if required, a full evidentiary hearing shall commence within 180 days after docketing the appeal, unless the parties otherwise agree or unless a commission member determines, as a matter of discretion, that a continuance is necessary.

SECTION 78II. The second paragraph of said section 43 of said chapter 31 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— If the commission by a preponderance of the evidence determines that there was just cause for an action taken against such person, it shall affirm the action of the appointing authority and deny the appeal; provided, however, that if the commission does not so determine, it shall reverse the action and allow the appeal, in whole or in part, and the person concerned may be returned to their position with or without loss of compensation or other benefits and subject to such other orders as the commission may deem appropriate to restore and protect the rights provided to such person under this chapter; provided, further, that if the preponderance of the evidence establishes that the action was based upon harmful error in the application of the appointing authority's procedure, an error of law or upon any factor or conduct on the part of the employee not reasonably related to the fitness of the employee to perform in the position, the commission shall allow the appeal, in whole or in part, and the person concerned may be returned to their position with or without loss of compensation or other benefits.

SECTION 78JJ. Section 45 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

Each aggrieved individual who has prevailed in any appeal brought under this chapter shall be reimbursed by the local appointing authority or, if aggrieved by action or inaction of a state official, by the comptroller of the commonwealth, the following expenditures: (i) the filing fee paid to the commission; (ii) an amount not to exceed \$1,500 for attorneys' fees actually incurred in conjunction with each of the following: (A) an appointing authority hearing; (B) a hearing before the commission; and (C) an action for judicial review pursuant to section 44; and (iii) an amount not to exceed \$500 for summons to witnesses and any other expenses actually incurred in such successful appeal. In addition to the amounts stated above, the commission may award such additional reasonable attorneys' fees and costs up to \$25,000 to an appellant who prevails in an appeal brought under this chapter, upon an express finding of either bad faith on the part of the appointing authority or an egregious or willfully repeated violation of this chapter, unless special circumstances would render such additional award unjust.

SECTION 78KK. Section 47A of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 50, the word "handicapped" and inserting in place thereof the following word:— disabled.

SECTION 78LL. Section 48 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 38, the word "selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:— select boards.

SECTION 78MM. Said section 48 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 74, the word “men” and inserting in place thereof the following word:— persons.

SECTION 78NN. Section 53 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 17, the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— select board.

SECTION 78OO. Section 58 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following 3 paragraphs:—

No applicant for examination for original appointment to the police force or fire force of a city or town shall be required, by rule or otherwise, to be a resident of such city or town at the time of filing an application for examination. If any person who has resided in a city or town for 1 year immediately prior to the date of examination for original appointment to the police force or fire force of the city or town has the same standing on the eligible list established as the result of the examination as another person who has not resided in the city or town, the administrator, when certifying names to the appointing authority for the police force or the fire force of the city or town, shall place the name of the person who has so resided ahead of the name of the person who has not so resided; provided, that upon written request of the appointing authority to the administrator, the administrator shall, when certifying names from the eligible list for original appointment to the police force or fire force of a city or town, place the names of all persons who have resided in the city or town for 1 year immediately prior to the date of examination ahead of the name of any person who has not so resided; provided further, that any applicant who earned a high school diploma from a public school located within the geographical confines of the city or town or so resided in the city or town when they received their public high school diploma shall have the same claim to preferential placement on the certification as those persons who have resided in the city or town for 1 year immediately prior to the date of examination.

In the case of a municipality, with a population of less than 75,000 inhabitants, seeking to draw from a regional pool of candidates, the administrator may, upon written request of the hiring authority, when certifying names from the eligible list for original appointment, place the names of all persons who have resided in another municipality within 10 miles of the perimeter of the requisitioning municipality ahead of the name of any person who has not so resided in or adjacent to the requisitioning municipality. In the case of a municipality with a population of greater than 75,000 inhabitants, a public safety department appointing authority from that city and its counterpart from any other municipality may jointly petition the administrator to include on the portion of the eligible list of individuals seeking original appointment that are preferred on the basis of residency the names of candidates residing in those specifically-identified municipalities if the city appointing authority is so authorized to petition for expansion of the residency preference by a vote of the legislative body of the hiring municipality. Whenever the residency preference to be applied to eligible lists extends beyond the perimeter of the requisitioning municipality, the administrator shall specify the contours of the preference-eligible geographical zone on the administrator’s website. Thereafter, upon written request of the appointing authority to the administrator, the administrator shall, when certifying names from an eligible list for original appointment to the police or fire force of the municipality, place the names of all persons who satisfy the published criteria for residency preference ahead of the name of any person who does not satisfy the criteria.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, any person who receives an appointment to the police force or fire force of a city or town shall within 9 months after appointment establish residence within such city or town or at any other place in the commonwealth that is within 10 miles of the perimeter of such city or town; provided, however, that a city or town may increase the 10-mile residency limit under a collective bargaining agreement negotiated under chapter 150E.

SECTION 78PP. Section 59 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6 to 7, the words “sixty and by sections thirty-six and thirty-six A of chapter forty-eight” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 59A, 60 and by sections 36 and 36A of chapter 48.

SECTION 78QQ. Said section 59 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 12 and 14, the word “four”, both times it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:— 2.

SECTION 78RR. Said section 59 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 18, the words “one year after certification” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— 1 year after appointment and performance of the job duties.

SECTION 78SS. Said chapter 31 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 59 the following 4 sections:—

Section 59A. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the administrator may authorize an appointing authority to create its own registers of entry-level municipal police and firefighter candidates after the appointing authority has entered into a written agreement with the administrator to adhere in the hiring process to basic merit principles and to commit to recruiting and considering candidates of diverse backgrounds, and upon submission of an anti-nepotism, anti-patronage and anti-favoritism policy acceptable to the administrator.

(b) An appointing authority that has entered into a written agreement with the administrator pursuant to subsection (a) may designate candidates to appear on a local public safety register from which candidates may be considered for original appointment to permanent police officer or firefighter. Sections 26 and 27 shall not apply to candidates designated by the appointing authority to be considered from the local public safety register.

(c) A candidate may be appointed as a permanent police officer from a local public safety register without having first passed the entry examination required by section 6 if they meet the minimum educational attainment and age requirements for appointment set forth in the second paragraph of section 58 and the health and physical fitness standards set forth in section 61A, and also satisfy 1 of the following conditions: (i) future successful completion of a prescribed course of study at a police academy approved by the municipal police training committee pursuant to section 96B of chapter 41; (ii) receipt of a passing mark, within the past 5 years, on: (A) a civil service examination for police officer administered by the administrator; (B) a qualifying examination administered by the appointing authority that has been validated by a test-development expert and that tests the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the primary or dominant duties of the position; or (C) any other examination approved by the administrator in consultation with individuals deemed to be subject matter experts in the policing profession; (iii) current service in the commonwealth as a salaried police officer certified by the peace officer standards and training commission; (iv) graduation within the past 5 years from a police academy approved by the municipal police training committee; or (v) receipt of a waiver from

the municipal police training committee excusing the named candidate from further academy training.

(d) No individual appointed as a police officer may perform the duties of a sworn police officer prior to completion of the prescribed course of study approved by the Massachusetts police training committee pursuant to section 96B of chapter 41 or receipt of a waiver of such training requirement from the committee.

(e) A candidate may be appointed from a local public safety register as a permanent firefighter without having first passed the entry examination required by section 6 if they meet the minimum educational attainment and age requirements for appointment set forth in the second paragraph of section 58 and the health and physical fitness standards set forth in section 61A, and satisfy 1 of the following conditions: (i) prior or proximately anticipated graduation from a fire academy, or anticipated completion within the next 12 months of another prescribed course of study culminating in certification, approved by the Massachusetts fire training council pursuant to section 165 of chapter 6; (ii) receipt of a passing mark, within the past 5 years, on: (A) a civil service examination for firefighter administered by the administrator; (B) a qualifying examination administered by the appointing authority that has been validated by a test-development expert and that tests the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the primary or dominant duties of the position; or (C) any other examination approved by the administrator in consultation with individuals deemed to be subject matter experts in the firefighting profession; or (iii) current service, for a minimum of 6 months, in the commonwealth as a salaried firefighter; or (iv) past service as a salaried firefighter in another jurisdiction together with certification acceptable to the Massachusetts fire training council.

(f) In all cases, whether involving either police or fire position candidacies under this section, no appointment shall be deemed effective for civil service purposes until notification of same to the administrator in a manner prescribed by the administrator. Nothing in this section regarding the appointment of candidates from a local public safety register shall be construed to apply to any municipal public safety personnel ranked above the entry-level position of police officer or firefighter.

(g) Upon investigation and substantiation by the commission of allegations that an appointing authority has violated material terms of the written agreement entered into with the administrator, the commission, in consultation with the administrator, may order modifications, suspension or termination of the agreement.

Section 59B. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the administrator may authorize an appointing authority to establish an entry-level police cadet program leading to civil service tenure. The cadet program shall be established by the appointing authority, in accordance with basic merit principles and section 21A of chapter 147, except that a person appointed as a police cadet shall not be required to reside in the municipality making the appointment and may be of any age once the person's eighteenth birthday has transpired. Cadet program requirements shall be approved by both the administrator and an authorized designee of the municipal police training committee established in section 116 of chapter 6. A cadet shall not be subject to or entitled to the benefits of any retirement or pension law nor shall any deduction be made from their compensation for the purpose thereof, but a cadet who satisfies all prerequisites for appointment to the police force of such city or town, and is appointed a permanent full-time police officer, shall have their police cadet service considered as creditable service for purposes of retirement, provided the person pays into the annuity savings fund of the retirement system such amount as the retirement board determines equal to that which they would have paid had they been a member of the retirement system during the period of training as a police cadet.

(b) A cadet may be appointed to fill a vacancy in a position in the lowest grade of a municipal police force through a cadet appointment without certification from an eligible list. In order to maintain cadet-appointment status, the cadet shall pass a qualifying exam and be a member in good standing in the appointing authority-sponsored cadet program for a time period specified by the administrator but not less than 12 months. Upon successful completion of the cadet program and contingent upon graduation from a police academy approved by the municipal police training committee, the appointing authority may effectuate a civil service appointment of the cadet to the permanent police force via notification to the administrator. The appointee shall then serve the probationary period specified in section 61 before gaining tenure status. The appointing authority shall report in writing to the administrator any such permanent original appointment.

Section 59C. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any person who has completed not less than 24 months of service as a fire cadet may, subject to a program established by the head of the fire department as defined in section 1 of chapter 148, on behalf of a municipality accepting of the provisions of this chapter, which program has been approved by both the administrator and the Massachusetts fire training council established in section 164 of chapter 6, be appointed to fill a vacancy in a position in the lowest grade in the civil service fire force of the city or town without certification from an eligible list prepared under this chapter; provided, however, that such person shall be on a fire entrance eligible list prepared under this chapter or shall have passed another qualifying examination approved by the administrator.

(b) Any change in working conditions for incumbent firefighters directly precipitated by the employment of fire cadets shall trigger the bargaining obligations set forth in section 6 of chapter 150E. A cadet shall not be subject to or entitled to the benefits of any retirement or pension law nor shall any deduction be made from their compensation for the purpose thereof; provided, however, that a cadet who satisfies all prerequisites for appointment to the firefighting force of such city or town, and is appointed a permanent full-time firefighter, shall have their fire cadet service considered as creditable service for purposes of retirement; provided further, that the cadet pays into the annuity savings fund of the retirement system such amount as the retirement board determines equal to that which they would have paid had they been a member of the retirement system during the period of training as a fire cadet.

Section 59D. The percentage of candidates appointed to a permanent position from a local public safety service register or a cadet program, pursuant to sections 59A through 59C, inclusive, shall not exceed, in the aggregate, more than 50 per cent of the appointing authority's overall appointments to the entry-level police and firefighter ranks during the time period established by the written agreement consummated between the administrator and the appointing authority that authorizes the alternative appointment methodologies permitted by this chapter.

SECTION 78TT. Sections 59A, 59C and 59D of chapter 31 of the General Laws, inserted by section 78SS, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 78UU. Section 60A of said chapter 31, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:— select board.

SECTION 78VV. Section 61 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— Unless otherwise provided by civil service rule, and with appropriate adjustments to the timing of performance evaluations called for therein, the second paragraph of section 34 shall apply to persons covered by this section.

SECTION 78WW. Section 63 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 25, the word “handicapping” and inserting in place thereof the following word:— disabling.

SECTION 78XX. Section 65 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 10, the word “four”, both times it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:— 2.

SECTION 78YY. Said section 65 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:—

Unless otherwise provided by civil service rule, and with appropriate adjustments to the timing of performance evaluations called for therein, the second paragraph of section 34 shall apply to persons covered by this section.

SECTION 78ZZ. Section 67 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6 to 7, the words “and the seniority of such employee as determined pursuant to section thirty-three” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— , the seniority of such employee as determined pursuant to section 33 and available demographic data, in aggregate form, regarding the complement of civil service employees in each department.

SECTION 78AAA. Said section 67 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “the”, in line 21, the following words:— commission or the.

SECTION 78BBB. Said section 67 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 23 to 24, the words “one hundred dollars” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— \$500.

SECTION 78CCC. The second paragraph of section 72 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— After conducting an inquiry pursuant to this paragraph, the commission or administrator may recommend to or order the appointing authority that such employee be removed or may make other appropriate recommendations or orders.

SECTION 78DDD. Said section 72 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “witnesses”, in line 18, the following words:— , demand to inspect documents.

SECTION 78EEE. Section 73 of said chapter 31, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “of”, in line 1, the following words:— the commission or the.

SECTION 78FFF. Section 74 of said chapter 31 is hereby amended by striking out the third and fourth paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following 2 paragraphs:—

No person making an appointment to any civil service position shall receive or consider a recommendation of an applicant for such appointment given by any member of the general court, board of alders or city council, except as to the character or residence of the applicant.

Any person who has been elected to public office by popular vote or by the board of alders or city council of a city or the select board of a town shall not be eligible to be designated as a representative of civil service.

SECTION 78GGG. Said chapter 31 is hereby further amended by striking out section 75 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 75. No person shall deny or interfere with the right of civil service employees employed by any city or town to petition, individually or collectively, the city or town government or any member thereof, to furnish information to the mayor, city or town manager, city council, board of alders or select board or to appear before

any committee of such council or boards, or deny or interfere with the right of any civil service employees to petition, individually or collectively, the general court or any member thereof, to furnish information to either branch of the general court, or to appear before any of its committees, or to furnish information to, or cooperate with, law enforcement authorities. This section shall not be construed to authorize an employee who is not on leave to be absent from employment without permission during regular working hours.

SECTION 78HHH. Section 77 of said chapter 31, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “The”, in line 1, the following words:— commission or the.

SECTION 78III. Said chapter 31 is hereby further amended by adding the following section:—

Section 78. (a) There shall be a permanent commission on recruitment, hiring and retention of municipal police officers and firefighters in the commonwealth to be co-chaired by 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, 1 member appointed by the president of the senate and 1 member appointed by the governor; and consisting of the following members or their designees: the chairs of the joint committee on public service and the chairs of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, who may serve as vice chairs of the commission; the secretary of administration and finance; the chief human resources officer for the commonwealth; the chair of the civil service commission; the attorney general; the secretary of public safety and security; the chair of the Massachusetts peace officer standards and training commission; the executive director of the municipal police training committee; the president of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association; the president of the Massachusetts major city chiefs of police; the chair of the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Policy Group, Inc.; a representative of police officers selected by the co-chairs from candidates recommended from a major federation of police officer unions in the commonwealth; a member of a correctional officers’ union; the president of the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers, Inc.; the president of the Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement, Inc.; the chair of the Massachusetts fire training council; the state fire marshal; the president of the Fire Chiefs’ Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; the president of the professional firefighters association of Massachusetts; the secretary of veterans affairs; the president of the Massachusetts veteran service agents; the commander of the disabled veterans of Massachusetts; the executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.; the president of the Massachusetts Mayors’ Association, Inc.; the chair of the Massachusetts municipal human resources association; the executive director of the Massachusetts chapter of the ACLU; the president of the Boston chapter of the NAACP’s New England conference; and the chair of the Massachusetts commission against discrimination.

(b) The co-chairs may appoint a steering committee and subcommittees to carry out the mandate of the commission. Members of the commission shall be subject to chapter 268A as it applies to special state employees and shall receive no compensation for their services.

(c) The commission shall be a resource to the commonwealth and municipalities on issues related to the recruitment, hiring and retention of highly qualified candidates of diverse backgrounds for municipal police officer and firefighter positions across Massachusetts. In support of this objective, the commission may: (i) obtain, interpret, and apply current research and evaluation data, including information reported pursuant to section 67, to program initiatives and policy development and identify and advocate for solutions to address gaps in strategies for employment of highly qualified

and diverse municipal public safety personnel; and (ii) recommend measures to increase, where appropriate, representation within municipal public safety departments of historically under-represented populations, including females and persons of color, and monitor the compliance by municipal public safety departments with any commitments they may have entered into to diversify their workforces.

(d) The commission may examine and evaluate the implementation of all reforms related to the recruitment, hiring and retention of municipal police officers and firefighters in the commonwealth made by the special legislative commission to study and examine the civil service law, personnel administration rules, hiring procedures and by-laws for municipalities not subject to the civil service law and state police hiring practices, established in section 107 of chapter 253 of the acts of 2020, by: (i) studying, reviewing and reporting on: (A) the hiring outcomes of any civil service appointments facilitated by sections 59A through 59C, inclusive; (B) the hiring outcomes of reforms made to civil service residency preference provisions of section 58; and (C) the hiring outcomes of any other civil service reforms implemented, including, but not limited to, the increased frequency of civil service examinations and the lowering of examination fees; and (ii) making recommendations: (A) to ensure that adopted reforms are being implemented consistent with the intent of the special legislative commission; and (B) for further legislation in furtherance of the commission's mandate.

(e) The commission may examine and evaluate all aspects of the recruitment, hiring and retention of municipal police officers and firefighters in all municipalities in the commonwealth and make pertinent recommendations to agencies and officers of the commonwealth and local subdivisions of government not governed by this chapter that advance basic merit principles in the recruitment, hiring and retention of highly qualified police officers and firefighters of diverse backgrounds across the commonwealth.

(f) The commission may obtain from all state agencies and municipalities such information and assistance as the commission may require.

(g) Not later than July 1 of each year, the commission shall submit an annual report on its activities and findings, including any recommendations, to the governor, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the joint committee on public service and the joint committee on public safety and homeland security.

By inserting after section 121 the following seven sections:

“SECTION 121A. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 91 the following section:—

Section 91A. (a) For the purposes of this section, ‘preceptor chiropractor’ shall mean a registered chiropractor authorized to practice chiropractic in the commonwealth who is: (i) designated by an approved chiropractic school or college as an instructor; and (ii) the chiropractor of record at the chiropractic facility to which a student extern is assigned.

(b) An individual that is a current student enrolled in the final academic year at a chiropractic school or college approved by the board may practice the full scope of chiropractic under the direct supervision of a preceptor chiropractor; provided, that the student extern shall have: (i) completed all academic and clinical class requirements for the degree of doctor of chiropractic from a chiropractic school or college approved by the board; and (ii) passed at least 3 of the 4 levels of the examinations administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

(c) The student extern shall practice under the direct supervision and license of the preceptor chiropractor and shall not be authorized to sign legal documents generally signed by the preceptor chiropractor; provided, however, that the board, in

its discretion, may authorize a student extern to practice chiropractic pursuant to this section at more than 1 chiropractic facility. An individual may be authorized by the board to practice chiropractic as a student extern for not less than 4 weeks and not more than 16 weeks during the student's final academic year.

SECTION 121B. Section 131 of said chapter 112, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words 'has passed an examination prepared by the board for this purpose;'

SECTION 121C. Said section 131 of said chapter 112, as amended by section 121A, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words 'educational institution' the following words:— has passed an examination prepared by the board for this purpose.

SECTION 121D. Section 132 of said chapter 112, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words 'Examinations for licensed certified social workers, including those in independent clinical practice' and inserting in place thereof the following words:— Examinations for licensed independent clinical social workers.

SECTION 121E. Said section 132 of said chapter 112, as amended by section 121C, is hereby further amended by striking out the words 'Examinations for licensed independent clinical social workers' and inserting in place thereof the following words:— Examinations for licensed certified social workers, including those in independent clinical practice.

SECTION 121F. Said chapter 112 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 135C the following section:—

Section 135D. (a) To ensure a stable, diverse workforce of licensed social workers in the commonwealth and to provide for increased support and retention of practicing licensed social workers, the executive office of health and human services shall establish and administer a field placement grant program. The program shall, subject to appropriation, provide grant funding to designated recipients with a specific focus on recruiting and retaining students obtaining a master's of social work from historically marginalized and low-income communities. Funds to establish this program shall be allocated from state, federal or other dedicated resources, including, but not limited to, existing trust funds.

(b)(1) Eligible applicants shall attend a school of social work master's program located in the commonwealth and accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

(2) Applicants shall submit:

(i) applicant demographic background information, including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, geographic location in the commonwealth and date of birth for purposes of data collection;

(ii) applicant's school of social work, type of master's program and grade point average;

(iii) a stated and signed commitment to working in commonwealth post-graduation for at least 2 years; and

(iv) a 1-page statement on the importance of this stipend to the applicant and how the grant will support their educational goals and the workforce needs of the commonwealth.

(3) Applicant data, including application details submitted, shall be tracked by the executive office to evaluate program efficacy.

(c) The field placement grant program shall prioritize first-generation college students and students from underrepresented communities in the social worker profession. Applications shall be submitted and considered on a rolling basis

beginning January 1 and ending March 1 of each year. Recipients of stipends shall be notified not later than April 15.

(d) Stipends shall be allocated as follows:

(i) a current master's of social work student in good standing completing their first-year field placement of 16 hours per week shall be eligible for a monthly stipend of \$1,000, not to exceed \$8,000 annually;

(ii) a current master's of social work student in good standing completing their second-year field placement of 24 hours per week shall be eligible for a monthly stipend of \$2,000, not to exceed a total of \$16,000 annually; and

(iii) advanced standing students who are only required to conduct 1 field placement shall be eligible for the second-year field placement stipend pursuant to clause (ii).

SECTION 121G. Section 136 of said chapter 112, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following paragraph:—

Licensed independent clinical social workers engaged in independent clinical practice who provide 1-on-1 supervision to a licensed certified social worker, master's of social work intern or bachelors of social work intern, shall be eligible to receive up to 8 continuing education credits during a licensing period.”;

In section 124, in lines 2245 to 2251, inclusive, by striking out the following: “(b) on any day during the calendar year, unlimited harness horse racing, except during live racing performances of the harness horse racing licensee located in Norfolk county; and (c) on any day during the calendar year prior to 5:30 p.m., a total of 4 greyhound racing performances, including the racing performance of the Bristol county greyhound racing licensee, when available within the authorized time, which shall be mandatory, and shall pay a fee of 3 per cent for the racing performances to the Bristol county greyhound racing licensee, and 3 interstate greyhound dog racing simulcasts” and inserting in place thereof the following: “and (b) on any day during the calendar year, unlimited harness horse racing, except during live racing performances of the harness horse racing licensee located in Norfolk county.”;

By inserting after section 124 the following section:

“SECTION 124A. Said chapter 128C is hereby further amended by adding the following section:—

Section 10. (a) Notwithstanding sections 1 to 8, inclusive, or any other general or special law to the contrary, no racing meeting licensee, including licensees holding racing meetings in connection with a state or county fair as defined in section 1 of chapter 128A, shall be required to pay any fees or other money into the greyhound capital improvements trust fund or the greyhound promotional trust fund.

(b) All amounts in the greyhound capital improvements trust fund and the greyhound promotional trust fund attributable to any greyhound dog racing meeting licensees shall be returned by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to the licensees without further condition.”;

In section 126, in lines 2286, 2287 and 2288, by striking out the following: “the transferability restrictions shall be clearly disclosed as a condition of purchase or otherwise obtaining such tickets prior to initial offering or sale and the ticket holder shall agree to the restrictions” and inserting in place thereof the following: “those tickets shall be sold or given to individuals or groups as part of a private event or a targeted promotion at a discounted price offered because of the individual's or group's status or affiliation with religious or charitable institutions, societies or organizations or civic leagues or organizations not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare, associations of veterans of any wars of the United

States, students, or groups or individuals characterized by a disability or economic hardship and tickets issued through a non-transferable ticketing system pursuant to the exemption in this subsection shall not be offered promotionally to the general public and shall be clearly marked as a ticket restricted to the specified individual or group”;

By inserting after section 142 the following four sections:—

SECTION 142A. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 162Z and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 162Z. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

“Designated responsible producer” or “DRP”, a person responsible for a limited lines travel insurance producer’s compliance with travel insurance laws, rules and regulations.

“Limited lines travel insurance producer”, a (i) licensed managing general agent or third-party administrator; (ii) licensed insurance producer, including a limited lines producer; or (iii) travel administrator.

“Offer and disseminate”, to provide general information, including a description of the coverage and price, as well as processing an application for travel insurance and collecting premium payments.

“Travel administrator”, a person who directly or indirectly underwrites, collects charges, collateral or premiums from or adjusts or settles claims on residents of the commonwealth in connection with travel insurance; provided, however, that a person shall not be considered a travel administrator if that person’s only characteristic or action that would otherwise cause them to be considered a travel administrator is 1 of the following:

(i) a person working for a travel administrator to the extent that the person’s activities are subject to the supervision and control of the travel administrator;

(ii) an insurance producer selling insurance or engaged in administrative and claims-related activities within the scope of the producer’s license;

(iii) a travel retailer offering and disseminating travel insurance and registered under the license of a limited lines travel insurance producer in accordance with this section;

(iv) an individual adjusting or settling claims in the normal course of that individual’s practice or employment as an attorney-at-law and who does not collect charges or premiums in connection with insurance coverage; or

(v) a business entity that is affiliated with a licensed insurer while acting as a travel administrator for the direct and assumed insurance business of an affiliated insurer.

“Travel insurance”, insurance coverage for personal risks incidental to planned travel including: (i) an interruption or cancellation of trip or event; (ii) loss of baggage or personal effects; (iii) damages to accommodations or rental vehicles; (iv) sickness, accident, disability or death occurring during travel; (v) emergency evacuation; (vi) repatriation of remains; or (vii) any other contractual obligations to indemnify or pay a specified amount to the traveler upon determinable contingencies related to travel as approved by the commissioner; provided, however, that “travel insurance” shall not include major medical plans which provide comprehensive medical protection for travelers with trips lasting longer than 6 months, including, but not limited to, people working or residing overseas as an expatriate or any other product that requires a specific insurance producer license.

“Travel retailer”, a business entity that makes, arranges or offers planned travel and may offer and disseminate travel insurance as a service to its customers on behalf of and under the direction of a limited lines travel insurance producer.

(b)(1) The commissioner may issue to an individual or business entity a limited lines travel insurance producer license if that individual or business entity has filed an application for a limited lines travel insurance producer license with the commissioner in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. A limited lines travel insurance producer license shall authorize a limited lines travel insurance producer to sell, solicit or negotiate travel insurance through a licensed insurer. No person may act as a limited lines travel insurance producer or travel retailer unless properly licensed or registered, respectively.

(2) A travel retailer may offer and disseminate travel insurance under a limited lines travel insurance producer license if the following conditions are met:

(i) the limited lines travel insurance producer or travel retailer provides to purchasers of travel insurance: (A) a description of the material terms or the actual material terms of the insurance coverage; (B) a description of the process for filing a claim; (C) a description of the review or cancellation process for the travel insurance policy; and (D) the identity and contact information of the insurer and limited lines travel insurance producer;

(ii) at the time of licensure, the limited lines travel insurance producer shall establish and maintain a register, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, of each travel retailer that offers travel insurance on the limited lines travel insurance producer's behalf; provided, however, that the register shall be maintained and updated annually by the limited lines travel insurance producer and shall include the name, address and contact information of the travel retailer, an officer or person who directs or controls the travel retailer's operations and the travel retailer's federal tax identification number; provided further, that the limited lines travel insurance producer shall submit the register to the division of insurance upon reasonable request and shall certify that the travel retailer register complies with 18 U.S.C. section 1033; and provided further, that the grounds for the suspension, revocation and the penalties applicable to resident insurance producers under this chapter and chapter 176D shall be applicable to the limited lines travel insurance producers and travel retailers;

(iii) the limited lines travel insurance producer has designated 1 of its employees, who is a licensed individual producer, as the DRP;

(iv) the DRP, president, secretary, treasurer and any other officer or person who directs or controls the limited lines travel insurance producer's insurance operations shall comply with the fingerprinting requirements applicable to insurance producers in the resident state of the limited lines travel insurance producer;

(v) the limited lines travel insurance producer has paid all applicable insurance producer licensing fees;

(vi) the limited lines travel insurance producer requires each employee and authorized representative of the travel retailer, whose duties include offering and disseminating travel insurance, to receive a program of instruction or training, which may be subject, at the discretion of the commissioner, to review and approval by the commissioner; provided, however, that the training material shall, at a minimum, contain instructions on the types of insurance offered, ethical sales practices and required disclosures to prospective customers.

(c) Any travel retailer offering or disseminating travel insurance shall make available to prospective purchasers, brochures or other written materials that have been approved by the travel insurer. Such materials shall include information which, at a minimum: (i) provides the identity and contact information of the insurer and the limited lines travel insurance producer; (ii) explains that the purchase of travel insurance is not required in order to purchase any other product or service from the travel retailer; and (iii) explains that an unlicensed travel retailer is permitted to

provide general information about the insurance offered by the travel retailer, including a description of the coverage and price, but is not qualified or authorized to answer technical questions about the terms and conditions of the insurance offered by the travel retailer or to evaluate the adequacy of the customer's existing insurance coverage.

(d) A travel retailer's employee or authorized representative who is not licensed as a limited lines travel insurance producer shall not: (i) evaluate or interpret the technical terms, benefits and conditions of the offered travel insurance coverage; (ii) evaluate or provide advice concerning a prospective purchaser's existing insurance coverage; or (iii) hold oneself out as a licensed insurer, licensed producer or insurance expert.

(e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a travel retailer, whose insurance-related activities, and those of its employees and authorized representatives, are limited to offering and disseminating travel insurance on behalf of and under the direction of a limited lines travel insurance producer who meets the conditions set forth in this section may receive related compensation, not in the form of commissions, upon registration by the limited lines travel insurance producer as described in subsection (b).

(f) Travel insurance may be provided under an individual policy or under a group or blanket policy.

(g) As the insurer designee, the limited lines travel insurance producer shall be responsible for the acts of the travel retailer and shall use reasonable means to ensure compliance by the travel retailer with this section.

(h) Any person licensed in a major line of authority as an insurance producer may sell, solicit and negotiate travel insurance. A property and casualty insurance producer shall not be required to become appointed by an insurer in order to sell, solicit or negotiate travel insurance.

SECTION 142B. The General Laws are hereby further amended by inserting after chapter 175M the following chapter:—

Chapter 175N.
TRAVEL INSURANCE.

Section 1. (a) This chapter shall apply to travel insurance that covers any resident of the commonwealth and is sold, solicited, negotiated or offered in the commonwealth and policies and certificates that are delivered or issued for delivery in the commonwealth; provided, that this chapter shall not apply to cancellation fee waivers or travel assistance services, except as expressly provided herein.

(b) All other applicable provisions of the commonwealth's insurance laws shall apply to travel insurance; provided, that the specific provisions of this chapter shall supersede any general provisions of law that would otherwise be applicable to travel insurance.

Section 2. As used in this chapter, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Aggregator site", a website that provides access to information regarding insurance products from more than 1 insurer, including product and insurer information, for use in comparison shopping.

"Blanket travel insurance", a policy of travel insurance issued to any eligible group providing coverage for specific classes of persons defined in the policy with coverage provided to all members of the eligible group without a separate charge to individual members of the eligible group.

“Cancellation fee waiver”, a contractual agreement between a supplier of travel services and its customer to waive some or all of the non-refundable cancellation fee provisions of the supplier’s underlying travel contract with or without regard to the reason for the cancellation or form of reimbursement; provided, however, that a cancellation fee waiver shall not be considered insurance.

“Commissioner”, the commissioner of insurance.

“Eligible group”, solely for the purposes of travel insurance, 2 or more persons who are engaged in a common enterprise or have an economic, educational or social affinity or relationship, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(i) any entity engaged in the business of providing travel or travel services including, but not limited to: tour operators, lodging providers, vacation property owners, hotels and resorts, travel clubs, travel agencies, property managers, cultural exchange programs and common carriers or the operator, owner or lessor of a means of transportation of passengers including, but not limited to, airlines, cruise lines, railroads, steamship companies and public bus carriers, wherein with regard to any particular travel or type of travel or travelers, all members or customers of the group shall have a common exposure to risk attendant to such travel;

(ii) any college, school or other institution of learning covering students, teachers, employees or volunteers;

(iii) any employer covering any group of employees, volunteers, contractors, board of directors, dependents or guests;

(iv) any sports team or camp or sponsor thereof, covering participants, members, campers, employees, officials, supervisors or volunteers;

(v) any religious, charitable, recreational, educational or civic organization or branch thereof, covering any group of members, participants or volunteers;

(vi) any financial institution or financial institution vendor, or parent holding company, trustee, or agent of or designated by 1 or more financial institutions or financial institution vendors, including accountholders, credit card holders, debtors, guarantors or purchasers;

(vii) any incorporated or unincorporated association including, labor unions, having a common interest, constitution and bylaws and organized and maintained in good faith for purposes other than obtaining insurance for members or participants of such association covering its members;

(viii) any trust or the trustees of a fund established, created or maintained for the benefit of and covering members, employees or customers, subject to the commissioner’s permitting the use of a trust and the commonwealth’s premium tax provisions in section 3 of 1 or more associations meeting the requirements of clause (vii);

(ix) any entertainment production company covering any group of participants, volunteers, audience members, contestants or workers;

(x) any volunteer fire department, ambulance, rescue, police, court or any first aid, civil defense or other such volunteer group;

(xi) any preschool, daycare institution for children or adults or senior citizen club;

(xii) any automobile or truck rental or leasing company covering a group of individuals who may become renters, lessees or passengers defined by their travel status on the rented or leased vehicles; provided, that the common carrier, the operator, owner or lessor of a means of transportation or the automobile or truck rental or leasing company is the policyholder under a policy to which this chapter applies; or

(xiii) any other group where the commissioner has determined that the members are engaged in a common enterprise, or have an economic, educational or social

affinity or relationship and that issuance of the policy would not be contrary to the public interest.

“Fulfillment materials”, documentation sent to the purchaser of a travel protection plan confirming the purchase and providing the travel protection plan’s coverage and assistance details.

“Group travel insurance”, travel insurance issued to any eligible group.

“Limited lines travel insurance producer”, a (i) licensed managing general agent or third-party administrator; (ii) licensed insurance producer including, a limited lines producer, designated by an insurer as the travel insurance supervising entity under subsection (g) of section 162Z of chapter 175; or (iii) travel administrator.

“Offer and disseminate”, to provide general information including, a description of the coverage and price, as well as processing the application, collecting premiums and performing other permitted non-licensable activities.

“Primary certificate holder”, specific to section 3, an individual person who elects and purchases travel insurance under a group policy.

“Primary policyholder”, specific to section 3, an individual person who elects and purchases individual travel insurance.

“Travel administrator”, a person who directly or indirectly underwrites, collects charges, collateral or premiums from or adjusts or settles claims on residents of the commonwealth, in connection with travel insurance; provided, that a person shall not be considered a travel administrator if that person’s only characteristics or actions that would otherwise cause them to be considered a travel administrator are 1 of the following:

(i) a person working for a travel administrator to the extent that the person’s activities are subject to the supervision and control of the travel administrator;

(ii) an insurance producer selling insurance or engaged in administrative and claims-related activities within the scope of the producer’s license;

(iii) a travel retailer offering and disseminating travel insurance and registered under the license of a limited lines travel insurance producer in accordance with said section 162Z of said chapter 175;

(iv) an individual adjusting or settling claims in the normal course of that individual’s practice or employment as an attorney-at-law and who does not collect charges or premiums in connection with insurance coverage; or

(v) a business entity that is affiliated with a licensed insurer while acting as a travel administrator for the direct and assumed insurance business of an affiliated insurer.

“Travel assistance services”, non-insurance services for which the consumer is not indemnified based on a fortuitous event, and where providing the service does not result in transfer or shifting of risk that would constitute the business of insurance. Travel assistance services shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) security advisories; (ii) destination information; (iii) vaccination and immunization information services; (iv) travel reservation services; (v) entertainment; (vi) activity and event planning; (vii) translation assistance; (viii) emergency messaging; (ix) international legal and medical referrals; (x) medical case monitoring; (xi) coordination of transportation arrangements; (xii) emergency cash transfer assistance; (xiii) medical prescription replacement assistance; (xiv) passport and travel document replacement assistance; (xv) lost luggage assistance; (xvi) concierge services; and (xvii) any other service that is furnished in connection with planned travel. Travel assistance services shall not be considered insurance or related to insurance.

“Travel insurance”, insurance coverage for personal risks incidental to planned travel including, but not limited to: (i) an interruption or cancellation of trip or event;

(ii) loss of baggage or personal effects; (iii) damages to accommodations or rental vehicles; (iv) sickness, accident, disability or death occurring during travel; (v) emergency evacuation; (vi) repatriation of remains; or (vii) any other contractual obligations to indemnify or pay a specified amount to the traveler upon determinable contingencies related to travel as approved by the commissioner; provided, however, that “travel insurance” shall not include major medical plans, which provide comprehensive medical protection for travelers with trips lasting longer than 6 months, including, for example, people working or residing overseas as an expatriate, or any other product that requires a specific insurance producer license.

“Travel protection plans”, plans that provide 1 or more of the following: travel insurance, travel assistance services and cancellation fee waivers.

“Travel retailer”, a business entity that makes, arranges or offers travel services and may offer and disseminate travel insurance as a service to its customers on behalf of and under the direction of a limited lines travel insurance producer.

Section 3. (a) A travel insurer shall pay a premium tax, as provided in section 22 of chapter 63, on travel insurance premiums paid by any of the following:

- (i) an individual primary policyholder who is a resident of the commonwealth;
- (ii) a primary certificate holder who is a resident of the commonwealth who elects coverage under a group travel insurance policy; or
- (iii) a blanket travel insurance policyholder who is a resident, or has its principal place of business or the principal place of business of an affiliate or subsidiary that has purchased blanket travel insurance, in the commonwealth for eligible blanket group members, subject to any apportionment rules which apply to the insurer across multiple taxing jurisdictions or that permit the insurer to allocate premium on an apportioned basis in a reasonable and equitable manner in those jurisdictions.

(b) A travel insurer shall: (i) document the state of residence or principal place of business of the policyholder or certificate holder, as required pursuant to subsection (a); and (ii) report as premium only the amount allocable to travel insurance and not any amounts received for travel assistance services or cancellation fee waivers.

Section 4. Travel protection plans may be offered for 1 price for the combined features that the travel protection plan offers in the commonwealth if:

(i) the travel protection plan clearly discloses to the consumer, at or prior to the time of purchase, that it includes travel insurance, travel assistance services and cancellation fee waivers, as applicable, and provides information and an opportunity, at or prior to the time of purchase, for the consumer to obtain additional information regarding the features and pricing of each; and

(ii) the fulfillment materials: (A) describe and delineate the travel insurance, travel assistance services and cancellation fee waivers in the travel protection plan; and (B) include the travel insurance disclosures and the contact information for persons providing travel assistance services and cancellation fee waivers, as applicable.

Section 5. (a) All persons offering travel insurance to residents of the commonwealth shall be subject to chapter 176D, except as otherwise provided in this section. In the event of a conflict between this chapter and other provisions of this chapter regarding the sale and marketing of travel insurance and travel protection plans, this chapter shall control.

(b) Offering or selling a travel insurance policy that could never result in payment of any claims for any insured under the policy shall be an unfair trade practice under said chapter 176D.

(c)(1) All documents provided to consumers prior to the purchase of travel insurance including, but not limited to, sales materials, advertising materials and

marketing materials, shall be consistent with the travel insurance policy itself including, but not limited to, forms, endorsements, policies, rate filings and certificates of insurance.

(2) For travel insurance policies or certificates that contain pre-existing condition exclusions, information and an opportunity to learn more about the pre-existing condition exclusions shall be provided any time prior to the time of purchase, and in the coverage's fulfillment materials.

(3) The fulfillment materials and the information described in clause (i) of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of said section 162Z of chapter 175 shall be provided to a policyholder or certificate holder as soon as practicable, following the purchase of a travel protection plan. Unless the insured has either started a covered trip or filed a claim under the travel insurance coverage, a policyholder or certificate holder may cancel a policy or certificate for a full refund of the travel protection plan price from the date of purchase of a travel protection plan until at least: (i) 15 days following the date of delivery of the travel protection plan's fulfillment materials by postal mail; or (ii) 10 days following the date of delivery of the travel protection plan's fulfillment materials by means other than postal mail. For the purposes of this section, delivery shall mean handing fulfillment materials to the policyholder or certificate holder or sending fulfillment materials by postal mail or electronic means to the policyholder or certificate holder.

(4) The company shall disclose in the policy documentation and fulfillment materials whether the travel insurance is primary or secondary to other applicable coverage.

(5) Where travel insurance is marketed directly to a consumer through an insurer's website or by others through an aggregator site, it shall not be an unfair trade practice or other violation of law if an accurate summary or short description of coverage is provided on the web page; provided, that the consumer has access to the full provisions of the policy through electronic means.

(d) No person offering, soliciting or negotiating travel insurance or travel protection plans on an individual or group basis may do so by using negative option or opt out, which would require a consumer to take an affirmative action to deselect coverage, such as unchecking a box on an electronic form when the consumer purchases a trip.

(e) It shall be an unfair trade practice pursuant to said chapter 176D to market blanket travel insurance coverage as free.

(f) Where a consumer's destination jurisdiction requires insurance coverage, it shall not be an unfair trade practice pursuant to said chapter 176D to require that a consumer choose between the following options as a condition of purchasing a trip or travel package: (i) purchasing the coverage required by the destination jurisdiction through the travel retailer or limited lines travel insurance producer supplying the trip or travel package; or (ii) agreeing to obtain and provide proof of coverage that meets the destination jurisdiction's requirements prior to departure.

Section 6. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, no person shall act or represent itself as a travel administrator for travel insurance in the commonwealth unless that person:

(i) is a licensed property and casualty insurance producer in the commonwealth for activities permitted under that producer license;

(ii) holds a valid managing general agent license in the commonwealth; or

(3) holds a valid third-party administrator license in the commonwealth.

(b) An insurer shall be responsible for the acts of a travel administrator administering travel insurance underwritten by the insurer and shall be responsible for

ensuring that the travel administrator maintains all books and records relevant to the insurer to be made available by the travel administrator to the commissioner upon request.

Section 7. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, travel insurance shall be classified and filed for purposes of rates and forms under an inland marine line of insurance; provided, however, that travel insurance that provides coverage for sickness, accident, disability or death occurring during travel, either exclusively, or in conjunction with related coverages of emergency evacuation, repatriation of remains or incidental limited property and casualty benefits such as baggage or trip cancellation, may be filed under either an accident and health line of insurance or an inland marine line of insurance.

(b) Eligibility and underwriting standards for travel insurance may be developed and provided based on travel protection plans designed for individual or identified marketing or distribution channels; provided, that those standards shall meet the commonwealth's underwriting standards for inland marine.

Section 8. The commissioner may promulgate regulations to implement this chapter.

SECTION 142C. Section 1 of chapter 176J of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 204, the words "travel insurance;"

SECTION 142D. Said section 1 of said chapter 176J, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 211 through 218, inclusive, the words "Travel insurance for the purpose of this chapter is insurance coverage for personal risks incident to planned travel, including but not limited to: (i) interruption or cancellation of trip or event; (ii) loss of baggage or personal effects; (iii) damages to accommodations or rental vehicles; or (iv) sickness, accident, disability or death occurring during travel, provided that the health benefits are not offered on a stand-alone basis and are incidental to other coverages. The term "travel insurance" shall not include major medical plans, which provide comprehensive medical protection for travelers with trips lasting 6 months or longer, including for example, those working overseas as an ex-patriot or military personnel being deployed."

By inserting after section 146 the following section:

"SECTION 146 1/2. Paragraph (ii) of subsection (g) of section (4) of chapter 152 of the acts of 1997, as amended by section 2 of chapter 256 of the acts of 2006, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The authority shall allow the South Boston Community Development Foundation to sponsor not less than 3 events annually at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, and not less than 6 events annually at the Lawn on D, to raise funds for the South Boston Community Development Foundation as provided for herein and shall include access to on site parking facilities.";

By striking out section 154 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 154. (a) Notwithstanding section 4 of chapter 128C of the General Laws, section 11 of chapter 494 of the acts of 1978 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the running horse racing licensee in Suffolk county that conducted simulcasting as of December 31, 2020 and the greyhound dog racing meeting licensee located in Bristol county shall not be obligated to make any further payments into the Running Horse Capital Improvements Trust Fund, established pursuant to said section 11 of said chapter 494.

(b) All amounts in the Running Horse Capital Improvements Trust Fund attributable to any greyhound dog racing meeting licensees shall be returned by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to the licensees without further condition.";

By inserting after section 155 the following section:

“SECTION 155A. (a)(1) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and subject to section 5A of chapter 3 of the General Laws, the commissioner of conservation and recreation is hereby authorized and directed to lease to the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission, doing business as the New Bedford Port Authority, a certain area in and over the waters of the Acushnet river in the city of New Bedford, together with improvements thereon and all easements, rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto for the operation and maintenance of a recreational marine boating facility and recreational area, known as the Pope’s Island Marina, for a term of 10 years and 2 5-year options to extend.

(2) The city of New Bedford shall not enter into sub-agreements of any kind for the operation and maintenance of the marina without prior written authorization from the commissioner of conservation and recreation. True copies of any such written authorization shall be filed with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and no later than 45 days after execution.

(b) The lease and any extensions executed under this act shall be on terms and conditions acceptable to the commissioner of conservation and recreation; provided, however, that the lease and any extensions shall provide, at its sole cost and expense, that the city of New Bedford: (i) provide oversight, operations, maintenance and repair of the property, including the land, facilities and appurtenances associated therewith during the term of the lease; (ii) shall carry comprehensive general liability insurance naming the commonwealth as a co-insured, protecting the commonwealth against all claims for personal injury or property damage arising from the use of the land and appurtenances associated therewith during the term of the lease and any extension thereof; (iii) subject to clauses (v) and (vi), may retain revenues from usage fees during the term of the lease and the proceeds from concessions associated with use of the property for the sole purpose of the design, construction, operation, programming, maintenance and repair expenses of the property over the course of the lease in addition to a 1-time reimbursement for costs defined in section 2 herein; (iv) may charge not more than \$90 per linear foot for use of slips without prior written authorization from the commissioner of conservation and recreation; (v) shall deposit into an escrow account, shared with the department of conservation and recreation, not less than \$100,000 annually, adjusted to the price adjustment formulae indices every 5 years, to fund capital investments of the property; (vi) shall pay to the department of conservation, in quarterly installments, 10 per cent of the annual gross revenues defined as total gross revenues after deduction of the \$100,000 described in clause (v); (vii) shall, not later than 3 months after the close of each calendar year, prepare an annual report detailing its performance against the goals for the prior year, detailing all revenues and expenditures of funds for the prior year pursuant to this section, regardless of source, and specifying all usage and programming fee rates associated with planned programs and activities, and submit the report to the commissioner of conservation and recreation; (viii) shall not design, install or construct any facilities on the property without the written approval of the commissioner of conservation and recreation; (ix) shall be responsible for all utility costs; (x) shall provide not less than 20 parking spaces at no charge to visitors of the abutting playground facility; and (xi) may be responsible for outreach and stewardship with the written approval of the commissioner of conservation and recreation.

(c) The lease and any extensions shall each be reviewed by the inspector general for comment and recommendation.

(d) Before entering into the lease, the commissioner of conservation and recreation shall determine the exact boundaries of the property after completion of a

title examination and a survey each commissioned by the department of conservation and recreation.

(e) The city of New Bedford shall be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with any engineering, surveys, appraisals and lease preparation related to the execution of the lease and any extensions under this act; provided, however, that the commonwealth shall not be required to contribute to any such costs.

(f) Within 90 days of the effective date of this act, the commissioner of conservation and recreation shall issue to the city of New Bedford a license to operate and maintain the marina. The terms of said license shall be consistent with this section.

(g) If the land, building and facilities, field and appurtenances comprising the property cease to be used by the city of New Bedford for the purposes and in the manner described in this section at any time before the conclusion of the lease term, the property shall revert to the commonwealth upon such terms and conditions as the commissioner of department of conservation and recreation may determine, and shall be assigned to the care, custody and control of the department of conservation and recreation.

(h) If the commissioner of conservation and recreation fails to enter into a lease with the city of New Bedford pursuant subsection (a) before July 1, 2025, the commissioner shall issue, on or before October 1, 2025, a request for proposals seeking a lessee to operate and maintain the Popes Island Marina and recreational area. Any lease resulting from a request for proposals process pursuant to this section shall be for a term not to exceed 20 years, inclusive of any extensions.”;

By inserting after section 159D (inserted by amendment) the following section:

“SECTION 159E. The executive office of health and human services shall conduct an evaluation of the impact of removal of the licensing examination requirement for licensed certified social workers pursuant to sections 31 and 32 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as amended by sections 121B and 121D. The executive office shall contract with an independent evaluation consultant to perform the evaluation. The evaluation shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) an analysis of the impact of removing the examination requirement on alleviating shortages of qualified social workers; (ii) expanding access to quality behavioral health services; (iii) increasing the diversity of the social worker workforce among diverse language skills, race, ethnicity and cultural backgrounds; and (iv) the impact of any increase in diversity on patient care, particularly for vulnerable populations. In preparing the evaluation, the consultant shall meet with representatives of organizations representing social workers, social work education, social work testing, social work patients, behavioral health advocacy organizations and other groups that may assist in the evaluation. The evaluation and analysis shall be conducted independently of the executive office. The executive office shall submit the evaluation to the joint committee on higher education, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than July 1, 2028.”;

By inserting after section 167A (inserted by amendment) the following two sections:

“SECTION 167A 1/4. Sections 121B and 121D shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 167A 1/2. Sections 121C and 121E shall take effect on January 1, 2029.”;

By inserting after section 167C (inserted by amendment) the following two sections:

“SECTION 167D. Sections 78R and 78TT shall take effect on January 1, 2035.

SECTION 167E. Section 7800 shall take effect 1 year after the effective date of this act.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the consolidated 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 3 in the negative.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 130.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 130](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House moved to amend the bill in section 2, in item 7002-1523, in lines 31 and 32, and also in item 7002-8003, in lines 37 and 38, by striking out the words “agricultural biotechnology or non-therapeutic biomanufacturing technologies” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words “alternative proteins”;

Consolidated amendments.

In item 7002-8066 by adding the following: “provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for the Museum of Science, Boston for the development of a multimodal riverwalk across the Charles river in order to create a missing pedestrian and cycling link, connect businesses, and support an inclusive tourism ecosystem”; and in said item by striking out the figures” “250,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “252,500,000”;

In section 2A by inserting after item 1100-2521 the following item:
“1599-1016 For local economic development projects; provided, that not less than

\$100,000 shall be expended to the Tantasqua regional school district for a district wide electric vehicle charger installation project; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for Gloucester city hall; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the University of Massachusetts Amherst marine station in Gloucester for a study and implementation plan for the development of the blue economy on the north shore and an ocean cluster on Cape Ann; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea to modernize, upgrade and expand electrical power transmission and distribution infrastructure for the purpose of hosting the expansion of the Cell Signaling Technology campus; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the town of Shrewsbury for an economic development strategy to promote business development along route 20; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the façade grant program in the town of Shrewsbury for improvements to commercial buildings of small businesses; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for multimodal transportation enhancements and the construction of urban park enhancements in Shrewsbury’s town center business district; provided further, that not less than \$1,575,000 shall be expended for economic development through improved infrastructure and roadways for the Otis street project in the town of Westborough; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the Taunton municipal lighting plant for the expansion of broadband services to commercial enterprises and residents; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for a grant program funding capital projects at rest homes; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be

expended for the McKinney playground in the Brighton neighborhood of the city of Boston for the implementation of the master plan including ball field renovations and pathway improvements; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for the rehabilitation of the former Malden district courthouse for the purpose of creating a new arts and culture space; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the North Quabbin chamber of commerce; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for Economic Development and Industrial Corporation in the town of Orange; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Holyoke department of public works to develop a strategic plan to maximize revenue and to enhance Holyoke's economic activity and initiatives; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to the Adams Presidential Center in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the town of Wayland for their route 20 master plan and future town-wide master and strategic plans; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to fund an economic development coordinator for Wayland; provided further, that not less \$100,000 shall be expended for the implementation of the MBTA Communities Act in Wayland; provided further, that not less than \$4,000,000 shall be expended for the Holyoke community health center for planning, renovations, improvements, construction, the modernization of facilities, infrastructure, equipment and other capital needs for the workforce education and training center for the Pioneer Valley; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the town of Wakefield for critical upgrades to the Albion Cultural Exchange to allow for an elevator and accessibility to the second floor for micro work spaces; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended shall be expended for the Cape Verdean Association of Boston for the acquisition of their building to continue providing youth employment and violence prevention services; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for wayfinding signage improvements and streetscape enhancements in the historic downtown and central business district of Methuen; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the town of Natick to study the feasibility of shared-use path along the half-mile stretch of northeast Natick between Weston and Wayland; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for electrical and internet utility service improvements at east Natick industrial park; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for improvements to the energy management system at the Nevins Memorial library; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to support the sustainable re-use of the historic Edward F. Searles estate; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the design of the redevelopment

of Middlesex avenue parking structure in Natick; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for pedestrian, bike lanes, and traffic safety improvements in Natick; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the town of Somerset to support Peddles and Parks program for revitalization of parks and bicycle lanes; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the preparation of building a sports complex in western Massachusetts housing the International Volleyball Hall of Fame; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the repurposing of the former police station on Russells Mills road in Dartmouth into a business incubator space for graduates of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational high school, under 30 years of age, who did not attend a higher education institution and are starting a business; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for New England Culinary Arts training for a financial assistance pilot program for students; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Science Club For Girls in the city of Cambridge to support educational programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics for girls and gender-expressive youth; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to the New England Historic Genealogical Society for improvements to areas that house and preserve historical artifacts and records of the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$6,000,000 shall be expended for the restoration of a historic façade at the Alexandria hotel in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for the construction of a fence around Depot Square park in Ayer; provided further, that not less than \$1,750,000 shall be expended for necessary renovation and expansion of the Greater New Bedford community health center; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the New Bedford community economic development center for the capitol theater on Acushnet avenue; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Oakham for building upgrades and general improvements, including the construction of a new town hall; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for Courniotes hall at American International College for capital improvements and repairs necessary due to lightning strike in July 2023; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the construction of a new fire station in the town of Barre; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for capital costs related to the construction of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's Center for Healing, Teaching and Learning for families and communities throughout the commonwealth impacted by murder, trauma, grief and loss; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of a new North End community center in the North End neighborhood of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for the route 128 exit 19 interchange improvement

project (phase II) in Beverly currently identified as Mass Highway project file no. 607727; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Hubbardston for the construction of a new fire station; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the construction of a new police station in the town of Hardwick; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the purpose of promoting economic development and making improvements in Grafton; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the Children's Services of Roxbury to renovate and transform 2 underutilized buildings in the heart of Boston's Black community; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for FORGE to sustain and expand a state-wide program which promotes manufacturing and innovation, including climate tech, through the support of hardtech startup manufacturing readiness and local supply chains; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for economic development promotion in the town of Upton; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for electronic signage in Lancaster; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Higher Expectation sports complex in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for renovations from the Gough House in the town of Boylston; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for septic systems on town-owned land in Post Office square in the town of Sharon; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the renovation of the train depot in the town of Stoughton; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the construction of a new fire station in Southbridge; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Hebron Food Pantry for the costs associated with the purchase and compliance of the building located at 40 Emory street in Attleboro; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for promoting economic development and making improvements in the town of Northbridge; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for capital expenditures in the town of Lexington for events related to the 250th anniversary celebration; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for African Diaspora Mental Health Association LLC in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Stevens Mill LLC for the renovation of Stevens Linen mill for market rate, senior and affordable housing units along with the buildout of new business space in the town of Dudley; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the project of dredging the Ten Mile river; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for improvements at Sholan Farms in Leominster; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Main Street Indian Orchard downtown revitalization in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the development of athletic fields behind the

Leominster high school in the city of Leominster; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for a route 20 master plan; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the Chinatown branch library in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for recruitment and funding of an economic development coordinator position for the town of Sudbury; provided further, that not less than \$3,500,000 shall be expended for the Westmass Area Development Corporation to support the redevelopment and expansion of properties and expenses associated with carbon neutral developments to support the residents and businesses of Ludlow Mills; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Sturdy Health for the completion and interconnection of a combined heat and power plant aimed at minimizing the use of fossil-fuel heating and cooling at their Attleboro facility; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Corporation for Public Management for the development of a downtown initiative in Chicopee; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for WPC pump station and combined sewer overflow facility improvements in the city of Chicopee; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the implementation of Locally Grown Sudbury, including Sudbury grown fairs, a climate resilient food security engagement series, a farmers' market feasibility plan and other initiatives for the town of Sudbury; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the city of Leominster for the stabilization of the North Nashua river; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the development and expansion of water infrastructure in Charlton to encourage business development and mitigate PFAS; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for capital upgrades to the Lynn Community Health Center; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Black history in Action in the city of Cambridge for the design and construction of the Center for Black Exuberance to foster collective liberation practices through the arts, education and public history; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to the Boston Shipyard and Marina; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Springfield Hope Community Development Corporation community outreach; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for new sidewalks, pedestrian safety, traffic calming and capital improvements for the town of Hamilton's core business district; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Acorn Street Boys and Girls Club; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Spring of Hope body and soul program; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to the Museum of African American History; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Georgetown for the Georgetown Youth Community

Center to help youth and at-risk youth develop networking and job skills; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for the expansion and renovation of the Huntington theatre; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the city of Medford for revitalizing Medford Square's waterfront area for community use and recreational purposes; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the construction planning, capital projects and deferred maintenance by Revolutionary Spaces at the Old State House and Old South Meeting House; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Parent Villages Youth Outreach Center; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Riverside Place in Medford for the installation of seating and outdoor coverage for residents; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Topsfield for public safety and access improvements to enhance connectivity in and around the downtown area; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Ipswich for the weatherization and efficiency upgrades to the historic Hart-Haskell House and its surrounding historic district; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the expansion of the Berkshire Innovation Center at the William Stanley Business Park in the city of Pittsfield; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center for the purpose of planning and developing affordable housing units at 632 Blue Hill avenue and 616 Blue Hill avenue in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended to the city of Fitchburg to assist with the redevelopment, renovation and site improvement of underutilized properties to provide additional housing capacity; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the Lowell Community Health Center for the development and operation of the Family Medicine Residency Program; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Mansfield for the designing, planning and improving development in the parkway from North Main street and Chauncy street; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Newbury for the construction of a new, ADA-compliant playground at the Central Street Athletic Fields; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the city of Lawrence for the rehabilitation of the handball court located at the corner of Oxford street and Lowell street; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended to UTEC, Inc. for establishing a new social enterprise facility to provide employment training and best reduce recidivism for individuals in the Merrimack valley area; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to Sueños Basketball for the construction or procurement of a new youth athletic facility center in Lawrence; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be

expended to the Fitchburg Public library to develop a learning lab for resume workshops and job training programming; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the design and construction of the BCYF Dorchester Community Center; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Southampton for the construction of a new safety complex; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the Godfrey Triangle WWII memorial restoration in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the design and renovation of Madison Park Technical Vocational high school; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for repairs to public parking garages to revitalize Malden center; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for revitalization of the pleasant street business district in Malden; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to Chelsea Black Community to support the infrastructure needed for in-house workforce development initiatives; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 be expended to La Colaborativa to support expanded access to green jobs and workforce development programs to residents with limited work readiness skills or English fluency; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to Governor Bellingham-Cary House Association for needed renovations of the Governor Bellingham-Cary House; provided further, that not less than \$800,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction, improvements and to upgrade access to the boat ramp, parking lot and shore fishing facility at Laurel lake in the town of Lee; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the town of Somerset for the façade grant program to assist small businesses in improving their commercial building façades and other exterior features; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended to the Boston Symphony Orchestra for security upgrades at Tanglewood in the Berkshires; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the development of a micro-regional transit program in southern Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester to establish a storefront façade improvement program; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the town of Leicester to redevelop and re-use town-managed property for the development of an entrepreneurship center and commercial kitchen; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative for the completion of the International Education center in Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the emergency replacement of the Brookside Road bridge in the town of Great Barrington; provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended for the acquisition of 167-171 Main street in the city of Marlborough for the design, construction and further economic development efforts of the Marlborough village district; provided

further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the town of Leicester to partner with MassBio to establish a veterinary training and research program; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for fire and EMS services in the town of Norfolk; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Tewksbury to assist in redesigning route 38 in Tewksbury from Colonial drive to Shawsheen street; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the redesign of route 38 in Tewksbury; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Wilmington to assist in redesigning route 38 in Wilmington from Burlington avenue to Richmond street; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the redesign and construction of Blue Hill avenue; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the town of Tewksbury for restoration, clearing and renovation of, or development of the Trahan Elementary school and/or North Street Elementary school properties; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended to the town of Norwell for the purpose of promoting an economic growth plan and making improvements within the town; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the town of Tewksbury for the construction or renovation of sidewalks on North street; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the North End Waterfront Neighborhood Health Center; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the town of Southborough for economic development projects, including wayfinding signage; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the town of Northborough for economic development projects, including wayfinding signage and signage and façade improvements to the downtown area in the town of Northborough; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended to the town of Westborough for economic development projects, including the creation of an electric vehicle station plan, costs associated with rotary redesign, sidewalk improvements, and municipal parking improvements, and other projects in the town of Westborough; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, Inc. for infrastructure, renovation and development costs at 104-108 Walter street in the Roslindale neighborhood of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the design and renovation of Billings field in the West Roxbury neighborhood of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 shall be expended for the town of Boxborough for the replacement of the culvert at Guggins Brook beneath Liberty Square road; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts, Inc. to assist displaced businesses in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to assist the city of Worcester in its 10-year cultural plan to promote diversity, equity and inclusion

programming; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to Old Hill Community Center; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Dismas House in Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the Salem YMCA childcare program outdoor recreational center; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the 2-year pilot program to expand the service of the Salem skipper into Beverly and Danvers; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the South Salem commuter rail stop to support the final design phase work; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended to CitySpace Easthampton for the renovation of Old Town Hall; provided further, that not less than \$650,000 shall be expended to Helfrich Brothers Inc. for the investment of advanced machinery specifically designed for the manufacturing of GreenTech products; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to the office of transportation planning to conduct a land use and transportation study of the I-495 corridor and MetroWest region of the commonwealth as recommended by the 2018 495/MetroWest Suburban Edge Community commission, including: (i) the current conditions of regional transportation in the region; (ii) establishing the future regional transportation, housing and economic development priorities; (iii) making recommendations to improve the region's residents' and workers' mobility; and (iv) connecting the region's major transit routes; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the YMCA of the North Shore, Inc. for the Haverhill YMCA development projects; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill for the repair and renovation of the Haverhill stadium and other park and recreation projects; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill public library for necessary improvements to infrastructure and accessibility; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Inc. to develop and grow the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra and educational programming initiative, for the development of new employment opportunities including paid student internships, for scholarship dollars for educational concerts and to create programming in western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Inc. for the repair and renovation of the club's property at Middlesex street in the city of Lowell to allow for the expansion and creation of programs to provide workforce development training, aid in closing the academic achievement gap and for the creation of permanent new jobs in Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to convert the former McKinley school in Revere into a food hub; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for Suffolk Downs to support mixed use development for the project in Boston and Revere; provided further, that not less than \$280,000 shall be

expended for the city of Revere to conduct a master planning exercise for the Squire road corridor; provided further, that not less than \$50,000,000 shall be expended for Nubian square for a life sciences training development on the “Blair Site” in the Dudley Square economic development area in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to address business improvements and vacancy in West Medford square in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for improvements to business districts, sidewalks and bridge repairs in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to address business improvements and vacancy in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than \$4,700,000 shall be expended for capital repairs, ADA enhancements and a feasibility study for water line replacement on Georges Island; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for dredging the channel in Quincy Bay and beach restoration in the Merrymount neighborhood; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary to protect the last farm in Lowell for urban agriculture, community gardens, youth career development and to build an urban environmental education center; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, Inc. for infrastructure projects, including but not limited to, renovations, facility upgrades and the expansion of health service areas, to enhance healthcare delivery and support community health needs; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the city of Boston to develop a design of a comprehensive park renovation of Clifford park; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Brookline Community Foundation, Inc. for community theater and diverse cultural programming; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the New Bedford Whaling Museum’s welcome and exhibition center; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for capital funding to find a new accessible home for Vinfen’s Gateway Arts program, which provides working artists with disabilities a vocational and employment opportunity fostering independence in the community; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for YMCA Southcoast for infrastructure upgrades; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for construction of a boat renovation, storage and educational workshop space at the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield for improvements to the Better Living Center to increase economic activity and tourism in western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the town of Scituate for the design and construction of North Scituate sewer; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for costs associated

with the purchase of information technology, medical equipment and interior building construction and licensing for a community health center in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for improvements to downtown Plympton in an effort to increase economic activity; provided further, that not less than \$800,000 shall be expended for improvements at the intersection of Great Pond road and Osgood street (route 125), and the nearby vicinity, in the town of North Andover; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for Worcester Polytechnic Institute to establish an Innovation Hub for Recovery and Regeneration to serve as a focal point in research, workforce development, corporate-university partnerships and entrepreneurial growth in the region; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Port Authority for the planning and rehabilitation of the North Jetty, located in the South Boston waterfront, to support the offshore wind industry and to import special project and break-bulk cargoes; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the town of Kingston for roadway safety improvements; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the purpose of identifying a proper site, management model and establishing an Upper Cape Blue Economy/Business Accelerator as identified in the Cape Cod Blue Economy Project: A Call to Action report; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the South Jetty in the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park in the South Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Halifax to assist with the implementation of the MBTA Communities Act provisions; provided further, that not less than \$800,000 shall be expended for Westfield State University to build a new mental health hub to address workforce shortages in behavioral health, nursing and healthcare in western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation to renovate the Hill House in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for improvements to the South Shore Irish heritage trail in Scituate; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the historic Iron Horse Music Hall in the city of Northampton; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Center After School program in Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the Boston Children's Museum for planning, repairs, renovations, improvements, construction and the modernization of facilities, infrastructure, equipment and other capital needs; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the town of Scituate for maintenance and improvements to the Scituate Visitor Center; provided further, that not less than \$4,300,000 shall be expended for marina and pier enhancements on Spectacle Island; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be

expended for the city of Boston for the design of connection walking paths to Moakley park in South Boston; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, Inc., for re-opening planning and support; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the study, design and construction of a new school building for the Shaw-Taylor school in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester to support the historic preservation and adaptive reuse of the Worcester Memorial Auditorium; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Plymouth Regional Economic Foundation, Inc. to study how to meet the needs of resident entrepreneurs and manufacturers; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Plymouth to conduct site assessments and determine suitable locations for commercial redevelopment; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for Plymouth to hire a consultant to assist with the Plymouth Regional Convention Center implementation strategy, including site selection, pre-design work, determining market performance, build program, job creation projections, incentives package and infrastructure improvement; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the town of Plymouth for improvements to the Herring pond and State road intersection to support commercial growth in Cedarville; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for renovations and restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building in Melrose; provided further, that not less than \$522,000 shall be expended for capital repairs and ADA enhancements to Peddocks Island Pier; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Clinton for waste removal at the WHEAT Community Services site; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Oxford to facilitate the expansion of sewer services through inter-municipal sewer agreements; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Clinton for furnishings, equipment and materials in support of beautification and placemaking activities in downtown Clinton; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for storefront improvements of the Centralville section in the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to the town of Canton for the purposes of redeveloping the former St. Gerard Church property on Washington street in the town of Canton; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the museum at the Revere Heritage Site in the town of Canton; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for improvements to the industrial park in the town of Avon; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the town of Douglas to conduct an updated Master Plan; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for roadway and sidewalk improvements for Billerica Center and Boston Road in the town of Billerica; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be

expended to the city of Westfield for the South Maple & Pleasant street economic development projects; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to Northern Essex Community College to create pathways for high school students to pursue LPN certification alongside their high school diploma; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the renovation of Daisy Field at Olmsted Park; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Museums for renovations needed for the childhood home and garage of Dr. Seuss; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of Marshfield for 4 solar panel pedestrian lights; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the city of Lowell for a feasibility study and schematic design in conjunction with the Merrimack Valley Rowing Association for the development of a boathouse and restaurant on property located along the Merrimack River; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of the Sword street culvert replacement project in the town of Auburn; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the town of Oxford for economic development of the downtown area; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the city of Melrose for renovations to public safety buildings within the city; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the town of Bedford for public infrastructure related to the proposed fire station at 139 Great road in Bedford; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended to the Trustees of the Reservation for renovations at the William Cullen Bryant homestead property in Cummington; provided further, that not less than \$1,500,000 shall be expended on the New Garden Park, Inc infrastructure improvements for the Greendale Project in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Middlesex 3 Coalition to improve economic development programs in the Middlesex 3 region along U.S. Route 3 from Burlington to the New Hampshire border; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the Create 508 Youth Creatives and Entrepreneurs program in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for efforts to implement a wayfinding signage plan in Hingham Harbor and to highlight assets to growing businesses, regional shoppers, and travelers; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to D.W Field Park for roadway and safety improvements in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Lawrence for small business loans, startup incubators and grants for local businesses to expand operations and create jobs; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the restoration of the Damon Tavern in the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Lowell Youth Leadership Program Inc. in the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less

than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to expand the life sciences apprenticeship program administered by the Massachusetts Biotechnology Educational Foundation; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Walpole in order to reopen the East Walpole Fire Station; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Neponset River Regional Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 in matching grants shall be expended for improvements to Newhall Park in the town of Lynnfield; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the Neponset River Regional Chamber of Commerce to establish a business incubator accelerator space for regional business growth; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for a pilot program for supportive housing loans and rental assistance through the Massachusetts rental voucher program to support the development by the Charles River Center of permanent independent housing for individuals with autism or intellectual disabilities in an integrated housing development, through partnerships with 1 or more non-profit organizations and including the provision of services to such development; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the city of Brockton for the support of downtown revitalization efforts; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended to the town of Reading for the proper recognition of former resident, civil rights leader, and Boston Celtic great Bill Russell; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the town of Belchertown for repairs, renovations, and remediation of town owned buildings formerly of the Belchertown State School; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Lawrence for training programs, apprenticeships, and educational initiatives to enhance the skills of the workforce and meet the needs of emerging industries; provided further, that not less than \$950,000 shall be expended for the RecoveryWorks program at Massachusetts General Hospital; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 in matching grants shall be expended for the construction of the new municipal complex in the town of Middleton; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the town of West Springfield for planning and acquiring land for the development of a new police station; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended to the town of Oxford to construct a 'Welcome & Interpretive Center' in conjunction with expanded community wayfinding, branding and streetscape improvements; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the establishment of the Greylock Glen Commission; provided further, that not less than \$325,000 shall be expended to Lever, Inc. to support entrepreneurs in Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Williamstown Meetinghouse Preservation Fund, Inc.; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the Adams Theater in the town of Adams; provided further, that not less than \$325,000 shall be

expended for renovations of the Mohawk Theater located in North Adams; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the town of Burlington for a design study to advance Route 3A and Cambridge street roadway improvements that support safe mobility options and unlock new housing and mixed-use development in the Burlington Town Center; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Amherst to make business district sidewalks fully accessible to residential neighborhoods; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for construction and other project costs of a new department of public works facility in the town of Boxford; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the town of Granby to develop, renovate or construct the Granby municipal building; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the town of Wellesley for the early development stages of an arts and cultural center; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to Follow Your Art Community Studios in the city of Melrose; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended to the town of Dighton for infrastructure upgrades to the Main street corridor zoned for business; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for façade and storefront improvements of the Vinal Square section of the town of Chelmsford; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for rural wastewater and public water supplies; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Amherst for the installation of solar canopies on municipal parking lots; provided further, that not less than \$500,000, shall be expended for ADA compliance/elevator construction for the redevelopment of multi-story properties within business districts in the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to the town of West Newbury for the construction of a crosswalk at the Page school/pipestave intersection; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended to the Woburn Golf and Ski Authority for water delivery system improvements, including irrigation; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the Shelburne Falls fire district for the bridge of flowers; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Sports Museum of New England for archive preservation support for exhibits, visitors and the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the town of Boxford for the repairs to the superstructure of the Endicott road bridge; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended to support the critical care operations of New England Life Flight, Inc., d/b/a Boston MedFlight; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for a commercial fisheries workforce development training program in the Cape Cod region to build a career pipeline

that supports the commercial fishing industry; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in the city of Springfield to establish a new major exhibit exploring the intersection of basketball and hip-hop music showcasing its diverse impact on society; provided further, that not less than \$12,000,000 shall be expended for construction, renovations and infrastructure improvements to support the imaging innovation initiative for the marine biological laboratory located in Woods Hole in the town of Falmouth; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for Greentown Labs in the city of Somerville for operations and diverse entrepreneurship program, operational support, and for graduates of the Accel accelerator program for BIPOC entrepreneurs to join the Greentown incubator as member companies; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended to the Roxbury Main Streets to provide relief for license fees, rent relief and payroll for micro businesses on blue hill avenue; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the town of Agawam for the Walnut street extension and the Ramah circle redevelopment and redesign project; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce and the Cape Cod Commission to support deployment of electric vehicle charging stations at Cape Cod hotels and other accommodation locations by analyzing industry and local trends, creating installation and grant guides, conducting outreach and support activities, and developing a pilot incentive program to complement existing state and utility programs; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the Middleton Electric Light Department in the town of Middleton to modernize, upgrade and expand electrical power transmission and distribution infrastructure for the purpose of ensuring an adequate backup system for Middleton's municipal and public safety facilities, electric vehicle infrastructure and utility scale solar/battery storage capacity during grid outages; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended to support New England Public Media's facility by requesting infrastructure improvements and staffing that will serve to create economic opportunities, promote job creation, increase industry innovation and support community engagement; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended to support the replacement and upgrade of the energy and heating system at Beverly Hospital; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the town of Danvers for river resiliency upgrades and expanding pedestrian access to Danversport waterfront and businesses; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the startup of the Framingham Economic Development Committee established pursuant to chapter 283 of the acts of 2022; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the pedestrian bridge at MacDonald Park in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for capital improvements in

the town of Wenham to enhance and revitalize the downtown corridor; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the town of North Reading for roadway improvements to Concord street in the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to expand and design the Route 110 widening project in the town of Westford; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for the redevelopment of the property located at 12 North Main street in the town of Westford; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for equipment, upgrades and other services for a wellness center for the police department of Westford; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Cogswell ArtSpace in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Somerville to support adult education and English literacy at the Somerville center for adult learning experience; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for renovation and restoration of the Harry Uhlman Bandstand in Marine Park in the South Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for businesses with not more than 10 employees or sole proprietorships and annual net profits not exceeding \$250,000; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to Develop Springfield Corporation to support the adaptive reuse for housing and commercial development for the main/state street development project in downtown Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for lighting and security improvements to the north end bike path in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Boston Little Saigon, Inc. to establish and maintain 1975: A Vietnamese Diaspora Memorial in the section of Boston known as the Little Saigon district; provided further, that said funds may be expended for commemorative events in 2025 related to the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to the town of Sterling for upgrades in downtown Sterling; provided further, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended for a grant to the Martin Richard Foundation and Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester to support the construction and renovation of the Dorchester fieldhouse in the Harbor Point neighborhood of Boston, a facility utilized for advancing the social, intellectual or physical needs of children and youth; provided further, that the grants may be matched from local and private sources; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to the Leahy Holloran community center for infrastructure upgrades and maintenance of the pool, locker room and restroom facilities; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Braintree economic development; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for Fields Corner Main Streets to develop and maintain a transit-oriented, vibrant and diverse business district; provided further, that not less than \$150,000

shall be expended for economic development in the town of Belmont; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for economic development in the town of Holbrook; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended for the Irish Pastoral Center for resources and staffing to provide educational and workforce training to low-income and marginalized residents; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for Gallivan boulevard median for greening through tree cover in the town of Dorchester; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for Boston Harbor Now for an electrified ferry fleet from the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park area gateways; provided further, that not less than \$125,000 shall be expended for the town of West Springfield's planning department to promote economic development opportunities; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for costs associated with the Mount Auburn street improvement project in the city of Watertown; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the planning, design, renovation and restoration of the town common and town center in Winchester; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the planning, design, renovation and restoration of the Winchester Town Hall; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for intersection improvements in the town of Stoneham; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the planning, design, renovation and restoration of Whip Hill in the town of Stoneham; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended to obtain right-of-way needed for reconstruction of the intersection at North Quincy street and Crescent street in Brockton; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Brockton public safety complex; provided further, that not less than \$400,000 shall be expended for the monitoring, stabilization or capping of a ground soil PFAS contamination site near the town water wells in Pepperell; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the town of Dunstable for the development of the Dunstable town center trail loop to enhance accessibility and encourage active transportation and recreation; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended for the town of Harvard to purchase a drone to be used by the police and fire departments; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of a youth programming facility operated by SPOKE in the Old Colony Redevelopment in South Boston; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the design of Ryan Playground in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Fort Point Arts Community for art and music festivals and performances; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for ADA compliance at the wood working shop in the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the planning,

design or construction of public infrastructure projects in the Commercial Triangle area of the city of Everett; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the improvements to street fronts of Everett businesses; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the redesign of Everett Square; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for East Somerville Main Streets for the further promotion of East Somerville as a culinary and cultural tourism destination; provided further, that not less than \$20,000 shall be expended for the 250th American Revolution Anniversary planning and programming jointly by the town of Danvers, Danvers Alarm List Co., Danvers historical society and Peabody historical society; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the Amherst council on aging facility in the city of Amherst; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the city of Somerville to improve pedestrian access to the East Somerville MBTA Station; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the department of conservation and recreation to create for a public-private partnership to the implement the a public marina at the dock located between the Steriti memorial skating rink and the prince street park on commercial street located in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended to study economic viability and infrastructure along Route 99 in the Sullivan Square section of Charlestown in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for PFAS mitigation and remediation in the town of Littleton; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the USS Constitution Museum to plan, design and fabricate dynamic interactive exhibits to offer a world-class introduction in a new gateway facility; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the One Bead Project for career readiness programming for school age children in Boston; provided further, that not less than \$300,000 shall be expended to the Newton Cultural Alliance for exterior signage and to make improvements to the driveways and parking areas at the Nathaniel Allen House; provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the Belmont hockey program; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Ames free library in the town of Easton; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Newton Culture Alliance, Newton Community Pride and new art center for the creation of the Washington Street Cultural Coalition to provide research and staffing for the planning of a new cultural district in Newton to stimulate local businesses and cultural events; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for the town of Southwick for the design and construction of culvert projects on Tannery Road and Vining Hill Road; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for economic development in the city of Agawam; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for economic development in the town of Southwick;

provided further, that not less than \$60,000 shall be expended for updating the 2019 Littleton Common revitalization road map; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Bacon Free Library in the town of Natick; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for Amesbury Chamber of Commerce to update their computer systems; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce to conduct small business training in Lowell, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Tewksbury and Tyngsborough; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for Greater Westfield Boys and Girls Club; and provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for infrastructure improvements on the site of the former Winthrop middle school on Pauline Street in the city of Winthrop.....\$488,327,000”;

In section 2C by adding the following item:

“EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Office of the Secretary

4000-8079 For a program to address the capital needs of nursing facilities throughout the commonwealth; provided, that the executive office of health and human services shall provide, in consultation with the Massachusetts Senior Care Association, Inc., forgivable, low- or no-interest loans to nursing facilities contracted as MassHealth providers to support capital improvements that shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (i) developing nursing facility specialized care units including: (a) infectious disease isolation units; (b) dementia special care units; (c) degenerative neurological units; (d) geriatric psychiatry units; (e) traumatic brain injury units; (f) bariatric units; and (g) behavioral health and substance use disorder units; (ii) addressing urgently needed capital improvements including, but not limited to, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, air filtration system upgrades to help prevent the spread of airborne illnesses, roofing or other infrastructure replacement and repair projects, alternative energy conversion projects and elevator renovations to comply with new state and federal requirements; and (iii) funding innovative projects including, but not limited to, conversion of sections within nursing facilities into affordable housing, veterans housing or assisted living units to better accommodate the individual needs of residents, and conversion of multi-bed rooms to single occupancy to enhance privacy; provided further, that loans shall be available to non-profit entities to facilitate the acquisition of nursing facilities incorporated as for-profit entities; provided further, that the executive office, in consultation with the Massachusetts Senior Care Association, Inc., shall establish a methodology for the distribution of funds; and provided further, that not later than March 1, 2025, the executive office shall submit methodology criteria to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on elder affairs

.....50,000,000”;
In section 158, in line 2755, by striking out the figures: “1,880,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,370,827,000”; and

In section 159, in line 2766, by striking out the figures: “980,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “1,030,000,000”.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated 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 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 131](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the Mr. Parisella of Beverly; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) 155 members voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 132](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4804, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 131.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 132.

Next sitting.

Mr. McKenna of Sutton then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at eleven minutes before ten o’clock P.M. (Thursday, June 27) (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.