

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020**

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Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Met at seven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Eldridge in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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The Chair (Mr. Eldridge), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Reports.*

The following reports were severally received and placed on file to wit:

Report of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (pursuant to Section 66(3) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report (received August 11, 2020); and

MCSW,-- FY20  
annual report.  
SD3034

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to Section 119A(i) of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on medical parole (received August 17, 2020).

DOC,-- medical  
parole report.  
SD3035

### *Report of Committee.*

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing the investment of town of Lunenburg library trust funds (Senate, No. 2898) [Local approval received];

Lunenburg,-- library  
trust funds.

**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

### *Committees Discharged.*

Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Education to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to a moratorium of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (Senate, No. 2899); and

Education  
committee,-- study.

Of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Elder Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to elder issues (Senate, No. 2900);

Elder Affairs  
committee,-- study.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Rules.

**Under Senate Rule 36, the reports were severally considered forthwith and accepted.**

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4952) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Webster be authorized to issue two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises

Webster,-- liquor  
licenses.

in said town; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4953) of Tommy Vitolo and Nika C. Elugardo (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to reallocate certain licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in certain target commercial areas in said town;

Brookline,-- liquor licenses.

**Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4948) of Natalie M. Blais and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Ashfield be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board;

Ashfield,-- select board.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4949) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Lenox be authorized to transfer certain property in Kennedy Park in said town in exchange for the dedication of certain conservation land; and

Lenox,-- land transfer.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4954) of Daniel J. Ryan and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal in the city of Boston;

Boston,-- Zoning Board of Appeal.

**Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4955) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Webster be authorized to exempt certain positions in the police department of said town from the civil service law;

Webster,-- police department.

**To the committee on Public Service.**

A Bill relative to diabetes management in schools (House, No. 4638,-- on House, No. 534), -- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Diabetes management,-- schools.

A Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Sandwich as the Commander Francis T. Williams & Sandwich Veterans Memorial Bridge (House, No. 4630, amended,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Sandwich,-- Veterans Memorial Bridge.

*Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.*

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patrick Burns, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2762),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Patrick Burns,-- sick leave.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Chelmsford (House, No. 4222) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Chelmsford,-- charter.

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.**

A Bill authorizing the city of Framingham to amend the income qualifications for a certain tax deferral program (House, No. 4789,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Framingham,-- tax deferral program.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4959) of James K. Hawkins (with the

Attleboro,-- mobile home rent

approval of the mayor and municipal council) that the city of Attleboro be authorized to regulate rent and evictions in mobile home park accommodations in said city,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

regulations.

*Order.*

The following House Order (approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) was considered as follows:

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Elder Affairs be granted until Tuesday, January 5, 2021 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 358 and 381, and House documents numbered 601, 605, 611 and 630.

Elder Affairs,--  
extension order.

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tran, and, after remarks, the order (House, No. 4951) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.**

*Engrossed Bills.*

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Eldridge) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Revising the town charter of Lunenburg (see Senate, No. 2754);

Amending recall election procedures in the town of Charlton (see House, No. 4034);  
and

Bills laid before the  
Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul McBrien, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see House, No. 4795).

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tran,--

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.