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Met at six minutes past one o'clock P.M. (Ms. Friedman in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Ms. Miranda for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Miranda then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Bill Owens, Jr. and Sharra Owens-Schwartz, son and daughter of the late Senator Bill Owens. Senator Owens was recognized as a transformational leader whose courage changed the city of Boston and the Commonwealth. He made history as the first black senator ever elected to the Massachusetts Legislature and helped establish the Black Legislative Caucus. Senator Owens was recognized for his work on housing, health care, economic development, educational justice and political representation. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Bill Owens, Jr. and Sharra Owens-Schwartz.

Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 70 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 annual report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing) (received July 21, 2026); and

MGC,-- FY25 annual report. SD4066

Report of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its Gaming Revenues June 2026 report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and the Joint Committee on Revenue) (received July 21, 2026).

MGC,-- Gaming Revenues June 2026 report. SD4067

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Crighton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James P. Ryan for legislation to protect individuals with neurodegenerative diseases from theft; and

Neurodegenerative diseases,-- protections. SD4068

By Mr. Feeney and Mr. Chaisson of Foxborough, a joint petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul R. Feeney and Michael S. Chaisson for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Foxborough;

Foxborough,-- sewer services. SD4069

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Report of Committees.

The following reports were received the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired:

Transportation,--study.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation (under Joint Rule 10), on Senate No. 3077, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to enhancing the safe use of micromobility devices (Senate, No. 3194);

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,--study.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies (under Joint Rule 10), on Senate No. 300, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to creating a state athletic commission to provide oversight of youth and combat sports in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 3195);

Public Service,--study.

By Mr. Brady, for the committee on Public Service (under Joint Rule 10), on Senate Nos. 2907 and 2939, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Sevice to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to public service matters (Senate, No. 3196); and

Judiciary,-- study.

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary (under Joint Rule 10), on Senate, Nos. 1035, 1043, 1101, 1177, 1178, 1184 and 1267, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to judicial matters (Senate, No. 3199);

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Health Care Financing,-- study.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 3131, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to supporting family caregivers (Senate, No. 3191) (Senator Driscoll dissenting); and

Judiciary,-- study.

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 1284, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to the length of wiretap warrants (Senate, No. 3192);

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Connected devices.

By Mr. Payano, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3090), a Bill relative to consumer connected devices (Senate No. 3190);

Home investments.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Financial Services, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 705), a Bill relative to home investments (Senate No. 3179); and

Defamation actions.

By Ms. Edwards, for the committee on the Judiciary, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1143), a Bill relative to privileged communications in defamation actions (Senate No. 3193);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Groton,-- Marion Stoddart riverwalk.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, Bill designating the Marion Stoddart riverwalk (Senate, No. 3110); and

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill designating the Hyannis Transportation Center in the town of Hyannis as the Thomas S. Cahir Cape Cod Transportation Center (Senate, No. 3089); Cahir Cape Cod Transportation Center.

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill designating a certain intersection in the town of Pembroke as the Lavina A. Hatch corner (House, No. 3790). Pembroke,-- Lavina A. Hatch corner.

By Mr. Payano, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Foxborough to grant three additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 3094) [Local approval received]; Foxborough,-- liquor licenses.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Andover to prohibit the use of anticoagulant rodenticides by commercial pesticide applicators (Senate, No. 3093) [Local approval received]; and Andover,-- anticoagulant rodenticides.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to authorize the town of North Andover to ban SGARs and FGARS (Senate, No. 3117) [Local approval received] North Andover,-- SGARs and FGARs.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Transportation, on petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to take easements over certain land located in the city of Woburn and the town of Burlington held in trust by the city of Boston for the Mary P. C. Cummings Testamentary Trust (Senate, No. 3169) Woburn/Burlington, -- land.

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

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to acquire interests in certain portions of land owned by the town of Andover which were acquired by the town for Article XCVII purposes; Andover,-- easements. SD4031

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at eight minutes past one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Ms. Friedman) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at thirteen minutes past two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger the Chair. Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

Relative to amending the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph regarding filling vacancies, running for multiple offices, term of office for Stetson Trustees and three-month prohibition on work for the town after service in elected office (Senate, No. 3084); Second reading bills.

Relative to the creation of a sewer and water advisory board in the town of Walpole (Senate, No. 3087);

Authorizing a certain employment contract for the town of Boylston (Senate, No. 3088);

Amending the waterways capital improvement fund for the town of Dennis (Senate, No. 3097);

Authorizing the town of Dennis to publish legal notices digitally (Senate, No. 3098);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House Bill relative to economic development in the commonwealth (House, No. 5576),-- was read a second time. Economic Development.

Ms. Creem in the Chair, there being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the following motions were considered as follows:

Moments of Silence.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Creem), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Paul "PJ" Roy. Moment of silence.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Tarr), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Geoffrey "Geof" Hyde Walker. Id.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills— Land Taking for Conservation Etc.

An engrossed Bill dissolving the North Carver water district (see Senate, No. 2735) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at twenty-six minutes before four o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 208]:** North Carver,-- water district.

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Gómez, Adam
Brady, Michael D.	Howard, Vanna
Brownsberger, William N.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Collins, Nick	Keenan, John F.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lewis, Jason M.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Lovely, Joan B.
Cronin, John J.	Mark, Paul W.
Cyr, Julian	Miranda, Liz
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Montigny, Mark C.
Dooner, Kelly A.	Moore, Michael O.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Durant, Peter J.	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Edwards, Lydia	Payano, Pavel
Eldridge, James B.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Rodrigues, Michael J.

Feeney, Paul R.	Rush, Michael F.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Finegold, Barry R.	Velis, John C. − **39.**
Friedman, Cindy F.	

NAYS − 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at nineteen minutes before four o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Creem) (having been appointed, by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the transfer of a certain parcel of land in the town of Marion from the Marion open space acquisition commission to the Marion select board (see House, No. 5388) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,-- was put upon its final passage; and, this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the question on passing it to be enacted was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, eighteen minutes before four o'clock P.M., as follows, to wit (yeas 39 - nays 0) **[Yeas and Nays No. 209]:** Marion,-- land.

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Gómez, Adam
Brady, Michael D.	Howard, Vanna
Brownsberger, William N.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Collins, Nick	Keenan, John F.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lewis, Jason M.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Lovely, Joan B.
Cronin, John J.	Mark, Paul W.
Cyr, Julian	Miranda, Liz
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Montigny, Mark C.
Dooner, Kelly A.	Moore, Michael O.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Durant, Peter J.	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Edwards, Lydia	Payano, Pavel
Eldridge, James B.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Feeney, Paul R.	Rush, Michael F.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Finegold, Barry R.	Velis, John C. − **39.**
Friedman, Cindy F.	

NAYS − 0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at a quarter before four o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having agreed to pass the same, and it was signed by the Acting President (Ms. Creem) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to economic development in the commonwealth (House, No. 5576), -- the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. Economic Development.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3178, and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the amendments, as follows:

Mr. Keenan, Ms. Edwards and Messrs. Eldridge and Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 137 the following section:- 55

"SECTION 137A. Section 402 of chapter 203E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a settlor's power to create a trust may be exercised by: (1) an agent under a power of attorney to the extent expressly authorized by the power of attorney; or (2) a conservator as authorized by article 5 of chapter 190B."; and

By adding the following section:-

"SECTION 166. Section 137A shall take effect as of July 8, 2012."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Oliveira, Ms. Comerford and Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for the planning, design, engineering, site preparation, construction, accessibility improvements, and related infrastructure necessary for the development of the Palmer Passenger Rail Stop, including associated parking, pedestrian access, utility improvements, and other capital improvements necessary to support the implementation of the Palmer Passenger Rail in Phase I of the Commonwealth's Compass Rail initiative; provided further, that the funds shall be used to improve regional passenger rail connectivity, expand mobility and transportation options, promote economic development in western and central Massachusetts, and position the Palmer Passenger Rail Stop as a key hub within the Commonwealth's west-east passenger rail network"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000". 196

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely and Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 3A the following section:- 366

"SECTION 3B. Chapter 2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 66. The Massachusetts National Guard museum in the city of Salem, established pursuant to section 140 of chapter 33, shall be the official military museum of the commonwealth.";

By inserting after section 38 the following section:-

"SECTION 38A. Chapter 33 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 140. There shall be a Massachusetts National Guard museum in the city of Salem, the birthplace of the national guard pursuant to section 60 of chapter 2."; and

By inserting after section 138 the following section:-

"SECTION 138A. Chapter 156 of the acts of 2018 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 3. Notwithstanding said sections 33 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, following the conveyance authorized under section 2, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may, in consultation with the adjutant general, enter into a lease, on behalf of the military division, for the former Essex county superior courthouse and Essex county commissioners building, or portions thereof, for the purpose of maintaining the Massachusetts National Guard museum established pursuant to section 140 of chapter 33 of the General Laws, including, but not limited to, space for office needs and records storage. Such lease shall be for a term of not more than 40 years, including all renewals and extensions, and on such terms and conditions as the commissioner deems appropriate."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Collins and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section X the following section:- 554

"SECTION 1. Clause Forty-first C of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- A city, by vote of its council and approval of its mayor, or a town, by vote of town meeting, may adjust the following factors contained in these provisions by: (i) reducing the requisite age of eligibility to any person age 65 years or older; (ii) increasing the sum contained in the first sentence of this clause from $500 to $1500; (iii) increasing the amounts contained in subclause (B) of the first sentence of this clause from $13,000 and $15,000, respectively, to, in both instances, not more than 50 per cent of the area median income as adjusted for household size, as defined annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; provided, however, that the relevant year of the calculation shall be the most recent figure available as of July 1 of the start of the fiscal year to which the exemption is sought; (iv) increasing the amounts contained in subclause (C) of the first sentence of this clause from $28,000 to not more than $80,000 and from $30,000 to not more than $110,000; and (v) by excluding from the determination of whole estate not more than 3 dwelling units.

SECTION 2. Said section 5 of said chapter 59, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1785, the figure '$10,000' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- '$30,000'.

SECTION 3. Said chapter 59 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 5O the following section:-

Section 5P. A city or town that accepts this section may issue rebates to those taxpayers who received the residential exemption in the prior fiscal year; provided, however, that the city or town shall set asset, income or other thresholds to determine eligibility for said rebates. The city or town shall appropriate an amount to be used for such rebates; and provided further, that such rebates for each eligible taxpayer shall be in a uniform amount based on the amount appropriated and the estimated number of eligible taxpayers. The amount of the rebate shall be in addition to any exemptions allowed under this chapter. A taxpayer who seeks to qualify for the rebate shall, before the deadline established by city or town, file an application, on a form to be adopted by the board of assessors, with the supporting documentation of the applicant's income, assets and any other information as described in the application. The application shall be filed each year for which the applicant seeks the rebate.

SECTION 4. Section 59 of said chapter 59, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words 'on or before' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 'not more than 45 days after'."

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Cronin, Feeney, Lewis and Mark, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Rausch, Messrs. Fernandes, Oliveira, Keenan and Montigny and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 137 the following section:- 374

"SECTION 137A. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 167J the following chapter:-

Chapter 167K Regulation of Virtual Currency Kiosks

Section 1. As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

'Person', an individual, firm, fiduciary, partnership, corporation, trust or association, however formed, or a club, trustee, agency or receiver.

'Virtual currency kiosk', an electronic terminal acting as a mechanical agent of the virtual currency kiosk operator to enable the virtual currency kiosk operator to facilitate the exchange of virtual currency for money, bank credit or other virtual currency, including, but not limited to, by: (i) connecting directly to a separate virtual currency exchange that performs the actual virtual currency transmission; or (ii) drawing upon the virtual currency in the possession of the electronic terminal's operator.

'Virtual currency kiosk operator', a person or entity that engages in virtual currency business activity via a money transmission kiosk located in the commonwealth or a person or entity that owns, operates or manages a money transmission kiosk located in the commonwealth through which virtual-currency business activity is offered or the owner or lessee of a premises who knowingly or intentionally permits the virtual currency kiosk to be operated on the premises.

Section 2. (a) A virtual currency kiosk operator may not operate a virtual currency kiosk in the commonwealth.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) shall constitute a violation of section 2 of chapter 93A and the attorney general may bring a civil action for injunctive or other equitable relief to enforce this section.

(c) If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that a person has knowingly or intentionally operated 1 or more virtual currency kiosks in the commonwealth in violation of this chapter, the court may, in addition to any other penalty imposed under chapter 93A, order that the person: (i) forfeit the amount of any charges that were collected by the person from users of the virtual currency kiosk during the period in which the person operated or knowingly leased premises to permit the operation of the virtual currency kiosk of kiosks in violation of this chapter; (ii) forfeit any virtual currency kiosk that is owned by the person and located in the commonwealth; and (iii) pay the reasonable costs of investigation and litigation of such violation, including reasonable attorneys fees."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by 56
inserting after section 153 the following section:-

"SECTION 153A. (a) There shall be a special commission to conduct a comprehensive study and provide recommendations regarding the use of territorial and other rating factors considered by insurance companies that may result in disparities when setting automobile insurance premiums.

(b) The commission shall consist of: the chairs of the joint committee on financial services, who shall serve as co-chairs; 2 members appointed by senate president, who shall be members of the Massachusetts Black and Latino caucus; 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, who shall be members of the Massachusetts Black and Latino caucus; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; the attorney general or a designee; the commissioner of insurance or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts Insurance Federation, Inc.; the executive director of the National Consumer Law Center, Inc.; and a representative of the Consumer Federation of America.

(c) The commission shall investigate and study: (i) the use of zip code, garaging location and geographical area in setting automobile insurance rates or coverage decisions in the commonwealth; (ii) other factors that may be used in rating that are potentially discriminatory in nature; (iii) the impact on automobile insurance premiums when zip code, garaging location and geographical area are used in determining automobile insurance rates;

(iv) how automobile insurance rates are currently calculated by insurance companies providing auto insurance in the commonwealth; (v) structural changes to the calculation of rates that would narrow disparities in auto insurance premiums by territory; and (vi) any other relevant information for the legislature's consideration.

(d) The commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives not later than August 1, 2027."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Remarks of Senator Nick Collins.

I rise to make a brief statement in support of the passage of amendment 554, municipal property tax relief.

Remarks of Senator Nick Collins.

For the second time this session, the Senate has passed property tax relief legislation that expands the eligibility of the senior property tax exemption and triples the benefit to $1,500.

The purpose of the senior property tax exemption is to support seniors on a fixed income who deserve tax relief to ease the burden of the City's unnecessary tax increase on homeowners.

In addition, the legislation would authorize the City to issue rebates to homeowners to mitigate unnecessary tax increases levied on them also by the City, year after year. This would come from the City's substantial surplus – to the tune of $1.7 billion- that was built up by the taxpayers and that rating agencies suggest the city is stockpiling.

For small businesses, this legislation would triple the personal property tax exemption to help them survive the unnecessary tax increases levied on them also by the City, year after year.

These policies the City is already on record in support of, including passage of the Boston City Council. For the City to be against it now, "they'd have to be for it, before they were against it."

Finally, the part of the legislation that hits at the heart of why Bostonians continue to see tax increases this year after year, is due to the city's unfair assessing practices.

The facts are these: the City is giving wealthy homeowners in Back Bay and Beacon Hill a tax cut by under assessing their property dramatically: Back Bay and Beacon Hill examples. Recently a home in Back Bay valued at $20 million dollars was assessed by the city at $12.5 million dollars. Property on Beacon Hill sold for roughly the same, a $20 million dollars home assessed later by the city at $5 million dollars.

At the same time these unfair assessing practices by the city is hammering the middle class, taxing them to the max or more. Communities like Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, South Boston, the South End. Roslindale example. The most egregious example is in Roslindale where last year a home was sold for $435,000 and assessed later thereon at $485,000. Does not make any sense. That's wrong. While commercial property owners have decided to take action in court for the city's process of over assessing, homeowners in middle class Boston have suffered worse. It is the reason the City's Assessor recently resigned in disgrace. This will cost the city because that happened in the past, late 70's, the city lost a major lawsuit class action where the city then had to float bonds to pay property owners back

But while he skips town, the taxpayers still suffer. So what do we do about it? In this legislation we give property owners more time, 75 days to file for abatements and keep their existing assessment intact before their dispute is resolved. But it's clear that the City needs assessment reform.

Dusting off a failed plan from the 2000s to distract people from the truth is not only misleading in retrograde, it is the march of folly. As policymakers, we cannot ignore history. We must learn from mistakes in the past from our predecessors and be guided by data.

So I want to thank my colleagues for their unanimous and bipartisan support, for the second time, for this commonsense property tax relief that homeowners and small businesses badly need and deserve.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, on motion of Mr. Feeney, the remarks were ordered printed in the Senate Journal.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House), 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. Brownsberger) (having been appointed, by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Bills laid before the Governor.

Exempting the positions of police lieutenant and police sergeant in the city of Leominster from the civil service law (see House, No. 4702);

Authorizing the town of Milton to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4813);

Providing for the powers of the town administrator of the town of Carlisle (see House, No. 5308); and

Further regulating property tax classifications in the city of Watertown for fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years (see House, No. 5569).

Recess.

Recess.

At eleven minutes before six o'clock P.M, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess until the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.

Adjournment in Memory of Patrick "PJ" Roy.

The Senator from Worcester and Middlesex, Mr. Cronin, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Patrick "PJ" Roy.

On July 8th, 2026, P.J. Roy, a 45-year-old longtime firefighter from Fitchburg, passed away peacefully surrounded by family.

PJ was born on October 30th, 1980, in Fitchburg. He leaves behind his loving mother, Denise Roy of Fitchburg; his beloved children, Abigail M. Roy and James A. Roy of Fitchburg; his brother, Sean J. Roy and his wife, Lori, his significant other, Jenn Hureau of Ashby; and several extended family members, fellow firefighters, and many dear friends. PJ now joins his father, James Roy, in eternal peace.

PJ proudly served the city of Fitchburg as a member of the Fitchburg Fire Department for the past 20 years, rising to the rank of Deputy Chief in 2023. He also faithfully served as a member of the Ashby Fire Department. Throughout his career, he was known for his selflessness, leadership, and willingness to always lend a helping hand. The Fitchburg Fire Department noted that "although PJ had been a member of the department for nearly 20 years, he has had a foundational presence since he was a child." Firefighting was truly his passion.

His love for firefighting began at an early age. As a little kid, he formed the "Walton Street Fire Department" made up of all his cousins--who happened to live in the same neighborhood--and proclaimed himself "Chief."

When PJ's father James Roy, himself a 40-year veteran of the Fitchburg Fire Department, passed away from occupational cancer in 2012, PJ became an outspoken advocate and educator on occupational cancer in the fire service. In 2019, Roy was honored with the Norman Knight Award for Community Service at the Firefighter of the Year Awards at Mechanics Hall in Worcester for his commitment to helping his fire service colleagues through education and prevention. His efforts were praised by Gov. Charlie Baker. Roy taught nearly 200 classes to firefighters across the state about the dangers of occupational cancer and how to better protect and prevent the disease. The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services said PJ was "Known" for his quick wit and outstanding sense of humor, he had a way of lifting spirits even on the toughest days. He quietly went the extra mile for his brothers and sisters in the fire service, always willing to help, mentor or lend a hand without ever seeking recognition.

PJ enjoyed cooking and was an avid fan of watching the Food Network. His favorite show was Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives. He loved going to Hampton Beach and getting a Blink's fried dough. He enjoyed travelling and was known as the life of the party. PJ was a friend that never hesitated to lend a hand.

Fitchburg, Ashby, and the entire Commonwealth are better places due to PJ Roy's remarkable life and service. While Roy's time on earth was too short, his life was marked by an unwavering commitment to service and a love for his community. Although today is a solemn occasion, we take solace in PJ Roy's enduring legacy.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Patrick "PJ" Roy, at eleven minutes before six o'clock P.M, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate recessed to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Adjournment in Memory of Geoffrey "Geof" Hyde Walker.

The Senator from Essex and Middlesex, Mr. Tarr, moved that when the Senate recesses today it does so in memory of Geoffrey "Geof" Hyde Walker of Newbury.

Geof passed away on July 6, 2026, at the age of seventy-nine. Born on February 22, 1947, to the late Henry A. and Alice (Hyde) Walker, Geof was a lifelong son of the Commonwealth whose roots ran deep along the New England coast. Geof lead an exemplary life of public service, environmental stewardship, and civic devotion.

After graduating from Tilton Academy, Clark University, and earning his master's degree through the Teacher Corps, he began his professional journey as an educator before applying his pragmatic, service-first ethic to the business world as the founder and president of Big Al's Auto Parts in Seabrook and Rye, New Hampshire.

Geof's impact on the natural beauty and civic framework of the Commonwealth was both visionary and profound. For more than two decades, he stood as a fierce champion for the Great Marsh and Newbury's open spaces. His tireless leadership in environmental policy and invasive species management earned him regional recognition, culminating in his selection as New England Conservationist of the Year in 2005 and the dedication of a portion of the Salisbury Marsh Overlook in his honor a permanent testament to his dedication to the landscape he loved. Concurrently, Geof dedicated eighteen years of his life to serving the Town of Newbury as a Selectman. Bringing a calm, steady, and practical voice to local government, he thoughtfully guided his community through decades of growth while generously mentoring a new generation of local leaders.

Above all, Geof took immense pride in his family and community. He is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-five years, Josette (Bonasoro) Walker; his sons, Nathan Walker and his fiancée Jennifer Dewar, and Joshua Walker and his fiancée Heather Quigly; and his cherished grandchildren, Hunter Henry Walker and Skylar Jo Walker, who will proudly carry forward his love for family and the coastal environment, alongside his brother-in-law Vincent, sister-in-law Teresa, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Geoffrey "Geof" Hyde Walker, at eleven minutes before six o'clock P.M, on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate recessed to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Thursday, July 23, 2026
[being the legislative session of Wednesday, July 22, 2026.]

Met at twelve minutes before twelve o'clock noon (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair).

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the following guests were introduced:

Athletes Corner youth program.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Ms. Miranda for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Miranda then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, a group of basketball players from the Athletes Corner youth program in Roxbury. The players participated in the annual Chills Diamond Ring Basketball Foundation Basketball tournament. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Minister Randy Muhammad.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Ms. Miranda for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Miranda then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Executive Director of Torchlight Recovery, Minister Randy Muhammad. Minister Muhammad was celebrated for serving as Executive Director of Torchlight Recovery for two years, providing substance abuse recovery services to communities in need throughout Boston. The Senate welcomed him with applause and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Bill Brent.

The Chair (Ms. Creem) handed the gavel to Mr. O'Connor for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. O'Connor then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, renowned photographer, Bill Brent. Mr. Brent was recognized for 60 years of service to the Boston Globe and 24 years as Chief Photographer. He has won countless awards for his work such as the Edward T. Ramsdell Memorial Trophy and was nominated multiple times for the Pulitzer Price for Journalism. The Senate welcomed him with applause, he signed the guestbook and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Community members from the city of Chelsea.

The Chair (Ms. Creem) handed the gavel to Mr. DiDomenico for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. DiDomenico then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, community members from the city of Chelsea. Among the group were: City Manager Fidel Maltez, State Representative Judith A. Garcia, city councilors Norieliz DeJesus, Lisa Santagate, Kelly Garcia, Chelsea Chief of Police Keith Houghton, La Colaborativa Workforce Development Program Coordinator Roberto Contreras and La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega. They were visiting the State House in recognition of the city of Chelsea having received the National Civic League All-American Award, an honor bestowed upon ten communities throughout the United States each year for excellence in local innovation, civic engagement, and cross-sector collaboration. Executive Director Vega was also individually awarded the 2026 National Civic League National Leadership and Legacy Award. The Senate welcome them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Boston Student Advisory Council.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Ms. Miranda for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Miranda then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Boston Student Advisory Council. The group of students were nominated to represent Boston Public Schools and were recognized for their extensive work. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Boston Legacy FC.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Brady for the purpose of an introduction. Messrs. Brady and Brownsberger then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, leadership and players from Boston Legacy FC. Among the group were: General Manager Doménec "Domé" Guasch, Director of Recruitment Edward Gallagher, Majority Owner

Jennifer Epstein, Team President Jennifer Van Dyck, Forward Nichelle Prince, Midfielder Alba Caño, Midfielder Josefine Hasbo, and Defender Bianca St-Georges. The group was recognized for the team's recent success in the National Women's Soccer League this season and public funding to support the development of the Boston Legacy Performance Center in the city of Brockton. General Manager Guasch addressed the Senate from the Rostrum. The Senate welcomed them with applause, they signed the guestbook and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Communication.

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

Senator Nick Collins,-- 268A.

Communication from the Honorable Nick Collins, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received Thursday, July 23, 2026, at seveteen minutes before two o'clock P.M.); and

Senator Michael O. Moore,-- Chapter 268A.

Communication from the Honorable Michael O. Moore, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received Thursday, July 23, 2026, at eleven minutes past three o'clock P.M.).

Reports.

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

DPH,-- SBCC Inspection report. SD4071

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403) submitting the inspection report for Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) (received July 23, 2026); and

DESE,-- Mental Health Supports FY25 report. SD4072

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to line item 1596-2436 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Mental Health Supports and Wraparounds FY25 report (received July 23, 2026).

Committees Discharged.

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

Health Care Financing,-- study.

Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to supporting family caregivers (Senate, No. 3191);

Judiciary,-- study.

Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on The Judiciary to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to the length of wiretap warrants (Senate, No. 3192);

Transportation,-- study.

Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to enhancing the safe use of micromobility devices (Senate, No. 3194);

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,-- study.

Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to make an investigation and study of a certain current Senate document relative to creating a state athletic commission to provide oversight of youth and combat sports in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 3195);

Public Service,-- study.

Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Service, to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to public service matters (Senate, No. 3196); and

Judiciary,-- study.

Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on The Judiciary, to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents to relative to judicial matters (Senate, No. 3199);

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. 5593) of Sally P. Kerans (by vote of the town) relative to the town manager in the town of Danvers; Danvers,-- town manager.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5597) of Steven J. Ouellette, Mark C. Montigny and Mark D. Sylvia (by vote of the town) that the town of Acushnet be authorized to appoint retired police officers as special police officers in said town; Acushnet,-- police officers.

To the committee on Public Service.

A Bill relative to the transportation of vessels in the villages of Marston Mills and Osterville in the city known as the town of Barnstable (House, No. 5421,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.** Barnstable,-- vessel transportation.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Petersham to continue the employment of police department members Richard D. Cooley Jr. and David A. Shoemaker (House, No. 5110,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; Petersham,-- Richard D. Cooley, Jr. and David A. Shoemaker.

Amending the charter of the town of North Attleborough (House, No. 5426,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and North Attleborough,-- charter.

Authorizing the town of Southborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5546,-- on House, No. 5425) [Local approval received on House, No. 5425]; Southborough,-- liquor license.

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House bill relative to economic development in the commonwealth (House, No. 5576),-- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

There being no objection, the following amendments were considered as one, and adopted as follows:

Mr. Lewis, Ms. Miranda and Messrs. Rush, Cronin and Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended to the Commonwealth Zoological Corporation established in section 2 of chapter 92B of the General Laws for costs associated with the preparation of plans, studies and specifications, repairs, construction, renovations, improvements, maintenance, asset management and demolition and other capital improvements, including those necessary for the operation of facilities operated by Zoo New England, including the Franklin Park Zoo and the Walter D. Stone Memorial Zoo"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000". 22

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda and Mr. Collins moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 27
3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study of all options for rail rapid transit service through Nubian square and Grove Hall and along the Blue Hill avenue corridor in the Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan sections of the city of Boston, including potential connections between Ruggles station and Mattapan square; provided further, that the study shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of light rail, heavy rail and other rail rapid transit alternatives, potential routes, termini and station locations, projected ridership, capital and operating costs, potential federal, state, local and private funding sources, environmental and community impacts, housing displacement and gentrification impacts and recommendations for implementation and future project development"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 42
7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for heat pump conversion at the Margarita Muñiz Academy in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 47
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended to the town of Abington for purposes including, but not limited to, costs associated with economic development projects; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the town known as the city of Braintree for purposes including, but not limited to, costs associated with economic development projects; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended to the town of Hanover for purposes including, but not limited to, costs associated with economic development projects; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the town of Holbrook for purposes including, but not limited to, costs associated with economic development projects; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for purposes including, but not limited to, costs associated with economic development projects; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended to the town of Rockland for purposes including, but not limited to, costs associated with economic development projects"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 58
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for the design and construction of accessible stations with dual-sided platforms at the Auburndale and West Newton commuter rail stations in the city of Newton"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 59
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Brookline Community Development Corporation for the rehabilitation and deep energy retrofit of its affordable housing property at 1017 Beacon Street in the town of Brookline"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Comerford moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expanded to the Friends of North Leverett Sawmill to aid in the restoration of the historic Slarrow Mill"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 61

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Comerford moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $4,750,000 shall be expended for capital expenses associated with the redevelopment of the former Wilson's Department Store and Putnam Building in the city of Greenfield into a mixed-use development"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$4,850,000". 62

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to modernize and improve the DCU Center in the city of Worcester"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000". 77

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended for the town of Great Barrington for the purpose of renovating the Housatonic Community Center"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$850,000". 102

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Frank R. Stiles Post No. 125, The American Legion, Inc. in the city of North Adams for renovations and improvements to its building to support local community and veterans programming"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 103

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the office of community development in the city of North Adams for the redevelopment project located at the former site of the Notre Dame church"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 104

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Lenox Land Trust for the purpose of restoring access to the Hallowell Meadows recreational area"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 105

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Williams-Boltwood House Trust, Inc. in the town of Goshen for the complete restoration of the site of the historic Williams-Boltwood House"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 106

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the Clark Art Institute for the purpose of costs associated with the Aso O. Tavitian Wing Expansion Project"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 107

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for Berkshire Theatre Group for the purpose of the Playhouse Restoration Project in Stockbridge"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 108

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,083,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Food Trust Program established in section 65 of chapter 23A of the General Laws for expanded access to groceries in the city of Worcester"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,183,000". 115

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the Holyoke Redevelopment Authority for mixed-use development, affordable and market-rate housing projects its urban renewal plan on Newton street and High street"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 125

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended for the city known as the town of West Springfield for a redevelopment and feasibility study of municipally-owned property near the downtown Central Business District"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$850,000". 126

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Pittsfield Municipal Airport Commission for the purpose of the development of the Berkshire Aviation & Aerospace Pathway"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 128

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,200,000 shall be expended for the City known as the town of Agawam for the Downtown Ramah Circle Infrastructure Project"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,300,000". 129

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for Westfield State University for the establishment of an immersive learning center for public safety professionals"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 130

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Velis, Oliveira and Gómez moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the city of Chicopee for improvements to community playgrounds and parks"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 131

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended for the City of Westfield for urban planning and roadway improvements on Elm Street, Orange Street, and Turnpike Industrial Park Roadway"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$450,000". 132

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $700,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Agawam for land expansion"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$800,000". 133

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended to support economic development and housing in the Watertown Square section of the city of Watertown"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000". 158

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to further economic development in the town of Auburn; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to further economic development in the town of Grafton; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to further economic development in the town of Millbury; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to further economic development in the town of Shrewsbury; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to further economic development in the town of Westborough"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,350,000". 184

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard, Ms. Miranda and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $935,000 shall be expended for UTEC, Inc. for equipment to support its social enterprises, workforce development and supportive services including, but not limited to, its mattress recycling program"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,035,000". 186

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $360,000 shall be expended to the town of Dunstable for the replacement of the Joint Grass Brook culvert"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$460,000". 187

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $450,000 shall be expended to the town of Tyngsborough for costs associated with a 2-year pilot 190 program offering expanded bus service in the town of Tyngsborough"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$550,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by inserting after the word "grants" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for a competitive grant program administered by the Toxics Use Reduction Institute to strengthen the competitiveness of Massachusetts small businesses and manufacturers through safer chemical innovation"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place there of the following figure:- "$350,000". 191

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $4,000,000 shall be expended to the Town of Dennis for renovation, reconstruction and improvements to Sesuit Harbor and its support facilities"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$4,100,000". 195

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $255,000 shall be expended to the town of Pepperell for the purchase of an ambulance"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$355,000". 199

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the town of Dracut for costs associated with capping its landfill"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 200

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the town of Easton for the design and construction of the Easton industrial park sewer project"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place there of the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 207

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for the city of Pittsfield and Pittsfield Economic Development Authority for the purpose of infrastructure, capital improvements, and acquisitions related to the development of an energy hub and economic development zone"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 211

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the town of Whately for the purpose of infrastructure and capital site improvements at the Center School to facilitate the development and operation of an economic development hub"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 212

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Piti Theatre in the Town of Charlemont for the purpose of development, renovations, infrastructure, and purchasing for their Bloom Center construction project"; and 214 by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$350,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the town of West Boylston for local infrastructure related to economic development projects”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$300,000”. 217

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the town of Northborough for local infrastructure related to economic development projects”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$300,000”. 218

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Driscoll, Keenan and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by inserting the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Blue Hills Observatory and Science Center, Inc.”; and by striking out the figure “100,000” and inserting in place there of the following figure:- “350,000”. 220

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by inserting the following words:- “; provided further, that no less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts in the city of Worcester for infrastructure improvements”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$1,100,000”. 225

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by inserting the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the Family Health Center of Worcester, Inc. for planning, engineering and infrastructure design of energy efficient improvements to improve access to quality health care”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$1,100,000”. 227

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the town of Boylston for local infrastructure related to economic development projects”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$300,000”. 229

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the town of Bolton for local infrastructure related to economic development projects”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$300,000”. 230

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the town of Berlin for local infrastructure related to economic development projects”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$300,000”. 231

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 233
7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the town of West Bridgewater to support development and construction at War Memorial park"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding after section 135 243
the following section:-

"SECTION XX. Section 135A. Said chapter 156C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 73. Upon credible suspicion that a document submitted to the state secretary may be fraudulent, the state secretary shall initiate an inquiry into the validity of the document. If the inquiry concludes that a document is fraudulent, the state secretary shall remove such document from the public record."

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in 246
Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the design and renovation of the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be 247
amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $3,000,000 shall be expended to Senior Connection, Inc for the purpose of developing the Grandfamilies Housing Village of Worcester"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$3,100,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 248
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $725,000 shall be expended to the town of Spencer for the purpose of demolition of certain buildings"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$825,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 249
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to the town of Westminster for water infrastructure modernization and Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance mitigation for residents and businesses"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$400,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 250
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to the town of West Brookfield for the purpose of improvements and infrastructure upgrades to the town center and depot area"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$400,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 251
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to the town of Sterling for upgrades and infrastructure improvements to the downtown area"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$400,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Rutland to support planning, analysis, and implementation of an economic development plan"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$150,000". 252

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the town of Ware for upgrades and infrastructure improvements to the downtown area"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 253

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Templeton for upgrades and infrastructure improvements to the downtown area"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 254

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the Community Health Center of Franklin County, Incorporated for equipment acquisition and electronic health integration to ensure the continuation of essential pharmacy services in the town of Shelburne"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 272

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez, Oliveira, Velis and Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for an academic medical center in the city of Springfield to accelerate regional job creation and economic development in western Massachusetts, secure critical capital infrastructure, provide facility modernization and clinical capacity expansion related to the acquisition of a community hospital in said city"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 282

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Inc. in the city of Springfield for capital improvements and accessibility upgrades to support local tourism and community programming"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,600,000". 285

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to Symphony Hall in the city of Springfield for capital improvements and accessibility upgrades"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 287

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the town of Whitman to support downtown revitalization and the town's 291 economic development goals"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $5,00,000 shall be expanded for infrastructure improvements in the Arlington Neighborhood in the city of Methuen, including, but not limited to, drainage and sewage, road pavement, engineering costs, and business outreach"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "5,100,000". 294

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Feeney, O'Connor, Rush, Driscoll and Collins, Ms. Rausch and Mr. Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children in the town of Canton for immediate repairs, rehabilitation of existing infrastructure, and upgrades to existing facilities to hospital level care to allow for expanded admissions and ensure patient safety"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,100,000". 295

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Feeney moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the Mansfield Municipal Airport for upgrades to aircraft hangars that will result in additional revenue collection"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 298

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Feeney and Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended as economic relief grants to be administered by the executive office of economic development to businesses and nonprofits that suffered a documented loss of revenue due to security restrictions, traffic management, parking and transportation alterations, foot-traffic reductions and other local, state, or federal regulations and restrictions as a result of the commonwealth's hosting of Boston 2026 FIFA World Cup matches; provided further, that priority shall be given to entities within the state highway route 1 corridor and within communities adjacent to Gillette Stadium in the town of Foxborough; provided further, that the disbursement of funds shall be made in an expedited manner not later than December 31, 2026"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,100,000". 301

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended to support projects in the city of Lynn related to the South Harbor Implementation Plan, including but not limited to street grid improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000". 303

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the city of Newburyport for the design, construction and implementation of the Market Landing park visitor center and restroom facility in the city of Newburyport"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 311

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea for the planning, design and construction of a new harbormaster office and visitor center located at Reed park"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 313

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Rowley for well and other drinking water improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 314

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the town of Salisbury for infrastructure improvements at Salisbury beach and the implementation of the phase III of the Salisbury Beach Public Realm plan"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 315

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the town of Rockport for the purchase of a truck for the collection and cleaning of refuse"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 316

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the town of Georgetown to assist in the expansion and connection of municipal and school facilities in the dedicated fiber loop"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 317

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Essex for improvements to the downtown community greenspaces and thoroughfare"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$250,000". 319

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Gloucester for the design, construction and implementation of the Water Pollution Control Facility Secondary Treatment Plant upgrades in the city of Gloucester"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 320

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to Merrimack College for the planning, design and development of the Lower Merrimack Valley Innovation District to support regional economic development opportunities"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 321

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the town of Seekonk for economic development purposes"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 328

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the town of Dighton for economic development purposes"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 329

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the town of Berkley for economic development purposes"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 330

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the town of Rehoboth for economic development purposes"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 331

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Taunton for economic development, infrastructure, public facilities, utility improvements, downtown revitalization, small business assistance or related capital improvement purposes"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 332

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $750,000 shall be expended to the town of Raynham for Route 138 corridor improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$850,000". 333

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $800,000 shall be expended to the town of Middleborough for economic development purposes"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$900,000". 334

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the town of Carver for economic development purposes"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 335

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 336 shall be expended to the town of Marion for economic development purposes"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 340
7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $450,000 shall be expended to the town of Wareham for economic development purposes"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$550,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking section 40 and 362
inserting in place thereof the following section:-

"SECTION 40. Section 54A of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'timeframes', in line 8, the following words:- 'by which the department must respond,'; and by inserting after the words 'used by the railroad', in line 10, the following words:- '. Said process shall allow a city, town or person to file such application for consent at any time up to 2 years prior to the submittal of an application for a building permit, and no consent under this section shall be required for a permit to build a structure on a portion of land for which a previous consent or determination of inapplicability was previously issued'.

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 379
7002-8087, by inserting after the word "grants" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended to the city of Lowell for improvements to the Bridge Street bridge over the Eastern Canal in the city of Lowell"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 49, by inserting after 389
the word "structures" in line 665 the following words:- "; provided, however, that municipalities may establish uniform design guidelines".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 392
7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended to the city of Everett to replace and upgrade the aging and insufficient water, sewer, and stormwater systems underneath Beacham Street in the city of Everett"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 398
7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea for the design, construction, clean out and redesign of the Market Street Culvert"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 413
8087, by inserting the following language:- "; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended to the department of conservation and recreation in consultation with the Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, Inc. for the maintenance and improvements to the Middlesex Fells Reservation"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $4,000,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, in collaboration with the town of Uxbridge, for the redevelopment of historic mill building space for local economic growth in the town of Uxbridge"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$4,100,000". 414

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fattman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following:-"; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for expanding sidewalk access along state highway route 140 in the town of Upton"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 415

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the Springfield Day Nursery Corporation in the city of Springfield for construction of a family resource center and workforce development hub"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 416

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush and Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation to promote access to safe and affordable housing"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 424

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation to assist with planning, programming and operations including, but not limited to, the creation and preservation of affordable housing, strengthening the local economy of the neighborhood and the promotion of climate resiliency"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 430

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended to the city of Somerville for the Early Action Acquisition Fund to increase affordable or mixed-income housing, including, but not limited to, assistance to help developers acquire property"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$2,600,000". 436

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended for grants to the city of Cambridge and the city of Somerville for the design, engineering, permitting and construction of green stormwater infrastructure projects exclusively aimed at minimizing and ultimately eliminating combined sewer overflows into the Alewife brook"; and by striking out the figure "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "2,600,000". 439

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall 446 be expended to the MassHire Norwood Career Center to support and promote career advancement programs in the region"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 448
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the town of Walpole for the purposes of purchasing new safety equipment and upgrading safety infrastructure"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards and Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in 450
Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the New England Aquarium for repairs and infrastructure improvements to its plaza and the abutting area of the Boston Harborwalk in order to promote tourism, access, safety, and continued economic development at Central Wharf"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 452
7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended to the Boston Housing Authority for the development and management of a climatetech revolving loan fund to support building decarbonization, energy efficiency and demand response investments at publicly-assisted properties with funding priority to projects affected by the rollback of federal energy efficiency or renewable energy incentives, loans or grants"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 454
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,250,000 shall be expended to the Town of Danvers for the purposes of design, permitting and reconstruction of the Syzpko Bridge in the Town of Danvers so it may connect the commercial corridors of Danvers, Peabody and Salem to Route 128"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,350,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 455
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,250,000 shall be expended to the city of Beverly to renovate city hall for infrastructure developments"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,350,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 456
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,250,000 shall be expended to the city of Salem for improvements at the Salem Ferry Terminal including, but not limited to, passenger services, expanded operational capacity, leasable office space, training and event areas and security and information technology office infrastructure"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,350,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush, Ms. Rausch and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, 461
in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended to the executive office of housing and livable

communities for grants to local housing authorities for vacant unit turnover, including the vacant unit task force"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 466
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further that no less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the Neponset River Regional Chamber of Commerce to support small businesses in the town of Dedham, the town of Norwood, the town of Westwood and the town of Walpole"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 468
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to Hyde Park Main Streets, Inc. for programs to support local businesses and promote local economic development; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to Centre/South Main Streets, Inc. for programs to support local businesses and promote local economic development; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to Roslindale Village Main Street, Inc. for programs to support local businesses and promote local economic development; and provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to West Roxbury Main Streets, Inc. for programs to support local businesses and promote local economic development"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 472
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $600,000 shall be expended to the town of Bedford for infrastructure upgrades and sidewalk improvements in downtown Bedford"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$700,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 473
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to the town of Weston for the replacement of aging water tanks"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$400,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 474
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $335,000 shall be expended to the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation, Inc. for facility and accessibility upgrades to support local tourism and promote the industrial history of America"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$435,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 475
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $520,000 shall be expended to the city of Waltham for the historic restoration of the interior and exterior of the blighted corn research laboratory building at the former farm and field station owned by the University of Massachusetts for a museum, a learning lab and a visitor center to honor Walton C. Galinat"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$620,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 477
8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $520,000 shall

be expended to the city of Waltham for exterior and interior renovations to emergency shelter and housing for low-income individuals to the former Elk property located at the intersection of Lexington Street and School Street"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$620,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $600,000 shall be expended to the town of Chelmsford for sidewalk installation and drainage upgrades along the Main Street corridor from Groton Road to School Street"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$700,000". 478

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to the town of Weston for the Winter Street culvert repair project"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$400,000". 479

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $600,000 shall be expended to the town of Carlisle for walkability improvements to the Carlisle town center"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$700,000". 480

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $600,000 shall be expended to the town of Concord for infrastructure improvements at the Kenneth Dunn Square intersection and the Pail Factory Bridge"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$700,000". 481

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $600,000 shall be expended to the town of Lexington for safety improvements on Adams Street and along Massachusetts Avenue"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$700,000". 482

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for the New England Historic Genealogical Society for infrastructure and safety improvements including, but not limited, to spaces dedicated to the 10 Million Names Project to research genealogical records of the 10 million people enslaved in the United States of America between 1619 to 1865, inclusive"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 485

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards and Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Bold Skin Babe Cosmetology Institute, Inc. to of bridge gaps and increase access to education, economic opportunity and entrepreneurship in the beauty and wellness industry through its programs and offerings, including, but not limited to, scholarships for low income students"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 487

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Payano and Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for the Lawrence Municipal Airport in the town of North Andover for the study, design and construction of airport improvements including, but not limited to, ground-based facilities designed to support the use of electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft, costs associated with the relocation and construction of a new maintenance building and other infrastructure improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000". 488

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Winthrop for upgrades to the memorial gymnasium on Pauline street which may include, but shall not be limited to, upgrades to the heating system, the windows and the gym floors"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 494

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the city of Revere for the planning, development, establishment, operation and support of a regional food hub"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 500

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Stow for the design, construction and installation of the Sudbury Road Bridge and other related expenses"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 502

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,250,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for the expansion of the Torigian Senior Center in the city of Peabody"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "1,350,000". 504

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Maynard for water infrastructure improvements and other related expenses"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 508

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, than not less than $1,750,000 shall be expended for water infrastructure in the town of Norfolk; provided further, than not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended for water infrastructure in the town of Sherborn; provided further, than not less than $1,750,000 shall be expended for water infrastructure in the town of Wrentham"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000". 510

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Friedman moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by inserting after the word "grants" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $3,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Woburn for the design, 515 permitting and construction of a pedestrian bridge to Anderson Regional Transportation Center in the area of the New Boston Street in North Woburn; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended to the town of Arlington for the reconstruction of the Fox Branch Library"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Friedman and Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 106 the following section:- 518

"SECTION 106A. Subsection (a) of section 25C1/2 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

(5) An acute care hospital that plans to establish or add: (i) acute psychiatric service beds including, but not limited to, inpatient, community based acute treatment, intensive community based acute treatment, partial hospitalization program and crisis stabilization services; or (ii) acute inpatient substance use disorder treatment service beds."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended for the Department of Conservation and Recreation for the design, construction and installation of the Mass Central Rail Trail in the town of Hudson and other related expense"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,600,000". 523

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended for the Department of Conservation and Recreation for the design, construction and installation of the Mass Central Rail Trail in the towns of Wayland and Sudbury and other related expense"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,600,000". 524

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the Old Colony Planning Council for the purposes of designing and implementing a competitive small business incubator grant program serving the Old Colony region and focusing on the acquisition of physical space for business through purchase, lease or rent, and other capital assets"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 530

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Brockton's Brockton Yards for the purposes of daylighting restoration of Trout Brook, full restoration of Brook Corridor and other related public infrastructure"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 545

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Acushnet to support economic development alongside the reconstructed South Main Street corridor, including but not limited to commercial, industrial, and business development opportunities"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$200,000". 581

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,450,000 shall be expended to the town of Dartmouth to support housing production and economic development, including but not limited to pump station upgrades and water interconnection to the city of Fall River to diversify sources and bring down costs for ratepayers"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,550,000". 588

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,450,000 shall be expended to the town of Fairhaven for the planning, design, engineering, and construction of a public safety complex" ; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,550,000". 589

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended to support the development of workforce housing in the town of Falmouth"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,100,000". 590

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less $1,000,000 shall be expended to the town of Pembroke for water quality and improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 591

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended to support housing development in the towns of Bourne, Falmouth, Kingston, Mashpee, Sandwich, Pembroke, Plymouth and Plympton"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,100,000". 593

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by inserting the following words:- "; provided that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the Dedham-Westwood Water District for planning and capital infrastructure improvements"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 594

The amendment was adopted.

As previously stated, the above amendments were considered as one and adopted.

Thursday, July 23, 2026

[being the legislative session of Wednesday, July 22, 2026.]

There being no objection, the following amendments were considered as one, and *rejected*, as follows:

Messrs. Moore, Tarr, O'Connor and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:- 3

"SECTION __. Section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause Twenty-second H, the following clause:-

Twenty-second I 1/2. Real estate of soldiers and sailors who are legal residents of the commonwealth who are veterans, as defined in clause forty-third of section seven of chapter four, and whose last discharge or release from the armed forces was under other than dishonorable conditions, and who were domiciled in the commonwealth for at least 6 months prior to entering service or resided in the commonwealth for 1 consecutive year prior to the date of filing for exemption pursuant to this clause, and who is 65 years of age or older, and who according to the records of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or of any branch of the armed forces of the United States by reason of injury received while in service and in the line of duty are partially or have a disability rating of 100 per cent; to the amount of the percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that the real estate is occupied as the veteran's domicile; provided, further, that if the property is greater than a single-family house, then only that value of so much of the house as is occupied by the person as the person's domicile shall be exempted; and provided, further, that an exemption pursuant to this clause shall continue unchanged for the benefit of the surviving spouse after the death of the disabled veteran as long as the surviving spouse of the qualified veteran shall remain an owner and occupant of a domicile subject to the exemption, and the surviving spouse is 65 years of age or older. The exemption pursuant to this clause shall not reduce, eliminate, or otherwise diminish any property tax exemption currently being received due to a qualifying veterans service related disability.

The amount of the exemption shall be borne by the commonwealth, and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city or town for the amount of the tax which otherwise would have been collected for this exemption."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by 6
inserting after section __ the following section:-

"SECTION __. Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 53A, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 53A. There shall be in the department a board to be known as the board of hoisting machinery regulations, which shall consist of six members to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for terms of four years each. One such member shall be the chief inspector in said department, who shall serve as chair and act as a nonvoting member of said board, except in the case of a tie vote, one shall be an employee of a public utility who is actively engaged in hoisting machinery operations in the Commonwealth, one shall be a member from a private construction contractor who is actively engaged in hoisting machinery operations in the Commonwealth, one shall be a safety trainer who is authorized by the department to do continuing education classes for hoisting licenses in Massachusetts, one shall be an expert in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration who is actively involved in hoisting machinery related operations, and one shall be from the International Union of Operating engineers Local with jurisdictions in Massachusetts who has been actively engaged in hoisting machinery related operations in the commonwealth for not less than five years immediately preceding appointment.

Said board shall promulgate rules and regulations, pursuant to chapter 30A, embodying the classifications of hoisting machinery and establishing criteria and procedures for the issuance, denial, renewal, suspension and revocation of licenses of apprentice operators of such machinery. However, a final adjudication that there has been a violation of federal or state occupational safety and health regulations, or any rule or regulation adopted by the department, shall be cause for the denial, revocation or suspension of any license issued under this section. Criteria for issuance of such licenses shall include, but not be limited to, training and experience requirements appropriate to the categories of machinery for which the license is intended, and registration with the apprenticeship council within the department of labor standards. A holder of such apprentice license may operate hoisting machinery only under the guidance and supervision of a holder of a license to operate for the category of hoisting machinery to be operated by the apprentice

A majority of said board, constituted as above provided, may transact business, but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time.

The board may, subject to appropriation and with the approval of the commissioner, employ an executive secretary who shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one and may employ such clerical, technical and other assistants as may be required by said board."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, Mark and Gómez moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:- 7

"SECTION __. Section 51 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'local anesthesia agents', in line 27, the following words:- 'and nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia'; and in said section by inserting after the words 'by the board', in line 28, the following words:- 'A hygienist delivering nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia must have direct supervision by a dentist with a nitrous oxide permit C and follow existing board nitrous oxide regulations in all circumstances.'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section ___ the following sections:- 8

"SECTION __. Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 72.

As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

'Intentionally-added PFAS', PFAS chemicals that are added to a product or that enter the product from the manufacturing or processing of the product; provided, however, that the manufacturer of the product knows, or is reasonably expected to know, or possesses or controls information of the addition of PFAS chemicals; and provided further, that "intentionally-added PFAS" shall include any degradation products containing PFAS chemicals or products for which PFAS chemicals or PFAS precursors are used as a processing agent or mold release agent or PFAS created by chemical reactions.

'Perfluoraolkyl and polyfluoraolkyl substances' or 'PFAS chemicals', a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least 1 fully fluorinated carbon atom.

No state agency or state authority shall provide funding for the purchase, use or installation of artificial turf that contains zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances for any new or existing field. Any existing artificial turf field containing zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added PFAS chemicals shall be allowed to be used for its useful life but shall not be replaced with artificial turf containing zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added PFAS chemicals.

SECTION __. Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 72.

'Intentionally-added PFAS', PFAS chemicals that are added to a product or that enter the product from the manufacturing or processing of the product; provided, however, that the manufacturer of the product knows, or is reasonably expected to know, or possesses or controls information of the addition of PFAS chemicals; and provided further, that 'intentionally-added PFAS' shall include any degradation products containing PFAS chemicals or products for which PFAS chemicals or PFAS precursors are used as a processing agent or mold release agent or PFAS created by chemical reactions.

‘Local government’, a county, city, town or other municipal entity.

‘Perfluoraolkyl and polyfluoraolkyl substances’ or ‘PFAS chemicals’, a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least 1 fully fluorinated carbon atom.

No local government shall provide funding for the purchase, use or installation of artificial turf that contains zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances for any new or existing field. Any existing artificial turf field containing zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added PFAS chemicals shall be allowed to be used for its useful life but shall not be replaced with artificial turf containing zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added PFAS chemicals.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ 9
the following section:-

“SECTION __. Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 15FFFFFFF the following section:-

Section 15GGGGGGG. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting aside the month of May as Native Plant Month, to increase public awareness of native plant species and to encourage community groups, schools and citizens to engage in activity that promotes conservation, restoration and appreciation of the plant species native to the Commonwealth and recommending that such day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ 10
the following section:-

“SECTION __. Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after Section 15FFFFFFF, the following section:-

Section 15GGGGGGG. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting aside the fifteenth day of the Hindu lunisolar month of Kartik as the official Diwali Day, establishing the day as a state holiday, recommending its observance by the people as a period of special attention in recognition of the Diwali celebration known as the ‘Festival of Lights’, a five day long festival where the third day is a day of thanksgiving and reflection celebrated worldwide and by millions of Americans.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda, Mr. Eldridge and Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be 26
amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3202 relative to Supporting the Doula Workforce.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Eldridge and Ms. Howard moved that the proposed 39
new text be amended by adding the following section:-

“SECTION XX. Chapter 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 16GG the following section:-

Section 16HH.

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

‘Eligible entity’, (i) A public or private institution of higher education or a non-profit or community-based organization or health center serving perinatal individuals including, but not limited to: (1) a recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization; (2) an organization serving individuals from medically underserved populations and other underserved populations; or (3) a public health agency, including a municipal public health department; or (ii) an individual who is seeking to become or currently a member of the perinatal behavioral health care workforce.

‘Medically underserved populations’, historically underserved populations or populations within a geographic area with a lack of access to primary care, behavioral health or perinatal healthcare providers or with a high infant mortality rate, high rates of poverty or high elderly population, as determined by the secretary.

‘Perinatal’, the period of time from pregnancy up until one year following birth.

‘Perinatal behavioral health care workforce’, health care providers in the field of mental or behavioral health, including substance use disorder services, who are acting in accordance with the laws of the commonwealth and who focus on supporting mental or behavioral health in perinatal individuals.

‘Perinatal health outcomes’, health outcomes related to perinatal individuals.

‘Perinatal individual’, an individual who: (i) is either pregnant or is within 12 months from the date of giving birth; (ii) is a biological parent or an adoptive or foster parent who is within 12 months from assuming custodial care of a child; or (iii) has lost a pregnancy due to a still birth, miscarriage or a medical termination within the previous 12 months.

‘Secretary’, the secretary of health and human services.

(b) Subject to appropriation, the secretary shall establish a perinatal behavioral health care workforce trust fund to grow and diversify the perinatal behavioral health care workforce, hereinafter ‘the trust fund’.

(c) The secretary shall administer funds from the trust fund through grants to eligible entities to establish, expand or expand access to educational or training programs designed to grow and diversify the perinatal behavioral health care workforce.

(d) The secretary shall promulgate regulations or guidelines as necessary to develop and implement the grant application process and eligible uses of grant funds pursuant to this section; provided, however, that grant funds shall prioritize eligible entities serving medically underserved populations or operating in areas with significant racial, ethnic or geographic disparities in perinatal health outcomes.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be 40
amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Association Minority Law Enforcement Officers for capital improvement projects to reconstruct and redevelop the MAMLEO Headquarters located at 61 Columbia Road, Dorchester”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$1,100,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 44
7002-8087, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for roof repair at Mildred Ave K-8 School in the Mattapan section of the city of Boston”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$5,100,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 45
7002-8087, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for repairs at Mendell Elementary School in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$5,100,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 43, in line 508, 50
by inserting, after the word “designed”, the following words:- “and used”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended in line 606 by inserting after 51
the word “shall” the following words:- “request and”; and

In line 607 by inserting after the word “and” the following words:- “shall take into consideration”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Keenan, Eldridge and Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended by 54
inserting after section ____ the following sections:-

“SECTION ____. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

Section 88. The division shall establish a community health center nurse practitioner residency program for the purposes of recruiting and retaining nurse practitioners at community health centers in order to increase access to high-quality community-based primary, preventative and integrated care.

These programs shall:

(i) Provide a 24-month post-graduate residency program, administered by community health centers, defined as community health centers receiving a grant under 42 USC 254b, for certified nurse practitioners who have graduated from an accredited school of nursing within the past three years;

(ii) Provide nurse practitioners in the program with patient panels under the supervision and mentorship of a physician or other advanced practice registered nurse at a community health center; and

(iii) Require nurse practitioners that participate in the 24-month residency program enter into a contract with the community health center for at least eighteen months of employment.

Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to conflict with, replace, or supersede any licensure requirements or standards for the advanced nursing practice established pursuant to chapters 94C or 112.

SECTION ____. The division shall make expenditures of no less than $2,500,000 annually to this program and shall seek federal Medicaid reimbursement for this program as graduate medical education.

SECTION ____. The division shall promulgate regulations to implement said program, including program details and grant guidelines as necessary, no later than six months after the passage of this act.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by 57
inserting the following at the end of section 10:- “And further, that the following shall be inserted after ‘eligible projects’ in subsection (c) of said section 42 of chapter 23G of the General Laws:- ‘with priority given to projects located in communities that: (1) experience economic disadvantage; (2) have experienced or are at heightened risk of gentrification, cultural displacement or the loss of cultural facilities; or (3) have been historically subjected to redlining or other discriminatory housing and lending practices’.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Creem and Messrs. Cyr and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended 64
by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3203 relative to Improving Access to Infertility Treatment.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Creem and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding 65
the following section:-

“SECTION X. Chapter 140D of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following new section:-

Section 37. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

'Acquirer bank', a member of a payment card network that contracts with a merchant for the settlement of electronic payment transactions. An acquirer bank may contract directly with merchants or indirectly through a processor to process electronic payment transactions.

'Authorization', the process through which a merchant requests approval for an electronic payment transaction from the issuer.

'Clearance', the process of transmitting final transaction data from a merchant to an issuer for posting to the cardholder's account and the calculation of fees and charges, including interchange fees, that apply to the issuer and the merchant.

'Credit card', a card, plate, coupon book, or other credit device existing for the purpose of obtaining money, property, labor, or services on credit.

'Debit card', a card or other payment code or device issued or approved for use through a payment card network to debit an asset account, regardless of the purpose for which the account is established, whether authorization is based on a signature, a personal identification number, or other means. 'Debit card' includes a general use prepaid card, as defined in 15 U.S.C. 16931-1. 'Debit card' does not include paper checks.

'Electronic payment transaction', a transaction in which a person uses a debit card, a credit card, or other payment code or device issued or approved through a payment card network to debit a deposit account or use a line of credit, whether authorization is based on a signature, a personal identification number, or other means.

'Gratuity', a voluntary monetary contribution to an employee from a guest, patron, or customer in connection with services rendered.

'Interchange fee', a fee established, charged, or received by a payment card network for the purpose of compensating the issuer for its involvement in an electronic payment transaction.

'Issuer', a person issuing a debit card or credit card or the issuer's agent.

'Merchant', a person that collects and remits a tax.

'Payment card network', an entity that: (1) directly or through licensed members, processors, or agents, provides the proprietary services, infrastructure, and software to route information and data for the purpose of conducting electronic payment transaction authorization, clearance, and settlement; and (2) a merchant uses to accept as a form of payment a brand of debit card, credit card, or other device that may be used to carry out electronic payment transactions.

'Person', any individual, firm, public or private corporation, government, partnership, association, or any other organization or entity.

'Processor', an entity that facilitates, services, processes, or manages the debit or credit authorization, billing, transfer, payment procedures, or settlement with respect to any electronic payment transaction.

'Settlement', the process of transmitting sales information to the issuing bank for collection and reimbursement of funds to the merchant and calculating and reporting the net transaction amount to the issuer and merchant for an electronic payment transaction that is cleared.

'Tax', any sales, use, occupancy, or excise tax imposed by the commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof.

'Tax documentation', documentation sufficient for the payment card network to determine the total amount of the electronic payment transaction and the tax or gratuity amount of the transaction. Tax documentation may be related to a single electronic payment transaction or multiple electronic payment transactions aggregated over a period of time. Examples of tax documentation include, but are not limited to, invoices, receipts, journals, ledgers, and tax returns filed with the Department of Revenue or local taxing authorities.

(b) An issuer, a payment card network, an acquirer bank, or a processor may not receive or charge a merchant any interchange fee on the tax amount or gratuity of an electronic payment transaction if the merchant informs the acquirer bank or its designee of the tax or gratuity amount as part of the authorization or settlement process for the electronic payment transaction. The merchant must transmit the tax or gratuity amount data as part of the authorization or settlement process to avoid being charged interchange fees on the tax or gratuity amount of an electronic payment transaction.

(c) A merchant that does not transmit the tax or gratuity amount data in accordance with this section may submit tax documentation for the electronic payment transaction to the acquirer bank or its designee no later than 180 days after the date of the electronic payment transaction, and, within 30 days after the merchant submits the necessary tax documentation, the issuer must credit to the merchant the amount of interchange fees charged on the tax or gratuity amount of the electronic payment transaction.

(d) This section does not create liability for a payment card network regarding the accuracy of the tax or gratuity data reported by the merchant.

(e) It shall be unlawful for an issuer, a payment card network, an acquirer bank, or a processor to alter or manipulate the computation and imposition of interchange fees by increasing the rate or amount of the fees applicable to or imposed upon the portion of a credit or debit card transaction not attributable to taxes or other fees charged to the merchant.

(f) An issuer, a payment card network, an acquirer bank, a processor, or other designated entity that has received the tax or gratuity amount data and violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of $1,000 per electronic payment transaction, and the issuer must refund the merchant the interchange fee calculated on the tax or gratuity amount relative to the electronic payment transaction.

(g) The provisions of this section are severable. If any provision therein is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Creem and Messrs. O'Connor, Eldridge and Keenan moved that the proposed new 66
text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3204 relative to Improving Access to Breast Pumps.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Creem, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Rausch and Messrs. O'Connor and Eldridge moved that 67
the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3205 relative to Employment Protections for Victims of Abusive Behavior.

Ms. Creem and Messrs. Cronin and Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended 68
by adding the following sections:-

"SECTION X. Section 173 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of 'Certified appraisal or certified appraisal report' the following definition:-

'Evaluation', an estimate of the value of real property, made in accordance with the Interagency Appraisal and Evaluation Guidelines, for use in a real estate-related financial transaction for which an appraisal is not required by federal law.

SECTION X. Subsection A of section 174 of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

Except to the extent permitted under subsections B and C, a person who has not obtained a real estate appraisal license or certification under this chapter shall not prepare, for a fee or other consideration, an appraisal or appraisal report relating to real estate or real property in the commonwealth.

SECTION X. Said section 174 of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out subsection C and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

C. Sections 173 to 195, inclusive, shall not apply to a person engaged by a financial institution to perform an evaluation. When providing an evaluation, a licensed or certified real estate appraiser is not required to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. An evaluation by a real estate appraiser who is licensed or certified in the commonwealth under this subsection shall contain a disclosure that the evaluation is not an appraisal and is not required to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore, Ms. Rausch and Messrs. Driscoll, Tarr, O'Connor, Eldridge and Montigny 75
moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following sections:-

"SECTION __. Section 29B of chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

(f) For the purposes of this section, the words 'visual material' shall include 'child sexual abuse visual material' as defined by section 31.

SECTION __. Said chapter of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 29D the following section:-

Section 29E. (a) Whoever, either with knowledge that a person is a minor or while in possession of such facts giving reason to know that such person is a minor, and with lascivious intent, creates child sexual abuse visual material shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 2½ years, or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years, or by a fine of not less than $10,000 nor more than $50,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the determination of whether the child in any child sexual abuse visual material prohibited hereunder is a minor may be made by: (i) the personal testimony of the child, (ii) the testimony of a person who produced, processed, published, printed or manufactured such child sexual abuse visual material that the child in the material was known by the person to be a minor, (iii) testimony of a person who observed the visual material, or (iv) expert medical testimony as to the age of the child based upon the child's physical appearance, by inspection of the visual material or by any other method authorized by any general or special law or by any applicable rule of evidence.

SECTION __. Section 31 of said chapter is hereby amended by inserting after the figure 'twenty-nine B', in lines 2 and 3, the following words:- 29D and 29E.

SECTION __. Said section of said chapter is hereby further amended by inserting before the definition of 'Disseminate' the following definition:-

'Child sexual abuse visual material', visual material including, but not limited to, any photograph, film, video, picture or computer-generated image or picture depicting sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or a minor in a state of nudity or partial nudity that has been created, adapted, modified, mechanically or chemically reproduced or altered, including, but not limited to, through digitization, whether in whole or part, in a manner that would falsely appear to a reasonable person to be, or include, an authentic representation or depiction of a minor.

SECTION __. Section 29C of said chapter is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'child', the first time it appears, the following words:- 'including child sexual abuse visual material as defined by section 31'.

SECTION __. Section 54B of Chapter 119 is hereby amended, in subsections (a) and (c) by striking out the words '29B, 29C, or 29D', each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 29B, 29C, 29D, or 29E'.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, O'Connor, Eldridge and Montigny moved that the proposed new text 76
be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3206 relative to Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Decision Making.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fernandes and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by 80
inserting at the end the following section:-

"SECTION X. Chapter 186 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new sections:-

Section 32. Homesharing program

The executive office of housing and livable communities shall implement and oversee the establishment and ongoing operation of a homesharing program to promote the use by individuals of unused beds in the owner-occupied homes of seniors and other residents with underoccupied homes in the Commonwealth. The executive office may contract with a third party provider to administer the program.

Section 33. Homesharing agreements

Homesharers and homesharing providers shall agree on the terms and conditions of their homeshare, including the sum to be paid; the domestic services that may be supplied by the homesharer; and other appropriate terms and considerations to responsibly govern their cohabitation. The executive office shall establish and oversee a dispute resolution process, and may contract with a third party provider to administer said dispute resolution. Parties shall be exempt from existing state law pertaining to the relationship between landlords and tenants and the eviction process set forth in Chapter 186 and Chapter 239.

In the implementation of the homesharing program and overseeing homesharing agreements, the executive office shall ensure (i) bedrooms are habitable and safe; (ii) homesharers pay no more than fair market rent, inclusive of utilities and the value of the domestic services offered; (iii) homesharers and homesharing providers are appropriately vetted in advance of entering into an agreement, including but not limited to, criminal record information checks, credit checks, or other relevant information to ensure safety; (iv) homesharers and homesharing providers maintain adequate insurance at a level established by the executive office; and (v) sufficient and adequate protections exist for homesharers and homesharing providers in the event that a homesharing agreement fails or threatens to fail.

Section 34. Homesharing support fund

There shall be a fund administered by the executive office, the purpose of which is to provide assistance to homesharing providers and homesharers for costs related to a failed homesharing agreement or in similar emergency circumstances authorized by the executive office. The fund shall consist of revenues received from fees paid by homesharing providers under the provisions of this chapter, and from public and private sources including but not limited to appropriations; gifts; grants; or donations. The executive office shall annually submit a report to the Clerks of the House and Senate, and to the House and Senate chairs of the joint committee on housing, provided the report include but not be limited to the following: (i) the current balance in the fund; (ii) the funds expended in the prior year, and for what purposes; (iii) anticipated needs of the fund in the upcoming year; (iv) the progress of the homesharing program in addressing the housing needs of the residents of the Commonwealth; and (v) any recommended legislative or other policy changes to improve the homesharing program.

Section 35. Regulations and Fees

The executive office shall promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of the homesharing program established in sections 32 through 35 of this chapter, including the establishment of fees to be paid by homesharing providers to be collected by the executive office and deposited into the fund established in section 34. The executive office may request input and guidance from the Executive Office of Aging & Independence for the protection of older adults entering into homesharing agreements."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section ___ the following section:- 82

"SECTION __. Chapter 143 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

Section 102. Temporary Door Locking Devices

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary the executive office of public safety and security shall promulgate regulations to allow the use of temporary door locking devices for use in public buildings during emergency lockdown situations which require sheltering in place protocols, and in consultation with the executive office of education and the Massachusetts school building authority, shall establish regulations regarding the use of temporary locking devices in school buildings. These regulations shall include, but not be limited to (1) circumstances under which temporary door locking devices may be used; (2) appropriate locations for temporary door locking devices and ensuring consistent operation throughout a building; (3) a local approval process, including consultation with the fire department and law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the building; (4) integration of such devices into building safety plans and training programs; (5) in-service training on the use of the device by first responders and public employees; and (6) standards for annual inspections to ensure proper use and operation. Temporary door locking devices, as defined in this section, shall not be proscribed by any ordinance that prohibits a building from installing a barricade device.

For the purposes of this section, temporary door locking device shall mean, a device that prevents unwanted entry through a door, provided that the device (1) can be engaged without opening the door; (2) can be engaged and removed from the egress side of the door without the use of a key or tool; (3) can be removed from the ingress side of the door by appropriate personnel with the use of a key or other credential; (4) does not modify the door closer, panic hardware, or fire exit hardware; (5) is not permanently mounted to the door, although individual parts of the device assembly, including bolts, stops, brackets, and pins that do not prevent normal function of the door may be permanently mounted; (6) does not affect the fire rating of the door and complies with National Fire Protection Association fire rating standards; (7) can be removed with a single operation once engaged, unless the building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system, in which case two operations may be permitted; (8) is positioned at a height not to exceed 48" above the floor; and (9) is only engaged for a finite period of time."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, Tarr, O'Connor and Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following sections:- 84

"SECTION __. Section 22 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding after the fifth sentence the following sentences:-

'The secretary of public safety and security may adopt regulations relative to the form, content, issuance and carrying of identification cards by such officers. Such identification card shall be carried on the officer's person and shall be exhibited upon lawful request for purposes of identification.'

SECTION __. Section 10D of Chapter 21A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

'The secretary of public safety and security may adopt regulations relative to the form, content, issuance and carrying of identification cards by such officers. Such identification card shall be carried on the officer's person and shall be exhibited upon lawful request for purposes of identification.'

SECTION __. Section 58 of Chapter 22C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph:-

'The secretary of public safety and security may adopt regulations relative to the form, content, issuance and carrying of identification cards by such officers. Such identification card shall be carried on the officer's person and shall be exhibited upon lawful request for purposes of identification.'

SECTION __. Section 63 of Chapter 22C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

'The secretary of public safety and security may adopt regulations relative to the form, content, issuance and carrying of identification cards by such officers. Such identification card shall be carried on the officer's person and shall be exhibited upon lawful request for purposes of identification.'

SECTION __. Section 32A of Chapter 75 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following paragraph:-

'The secretary of public safety and security may adopt regulations relative to the form, content, issuance and carrying of identification cards by such officers. Such identification card shall be carried on the officer's person and shall be exhibited upon lawful request for purposes of identification.'

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, Tarr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by 86
inserting after section __ the following sections:-

"SECTION __. Paragraph (2) of subsection (l) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 543, the words '12 month period' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- '24 month period'.

SECTION __. Section 38X of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 49, the words '12 month period' and inserting in place thereof the words:- '24 month period'.

SECTION __. Subsection (ww) of said section 6 of said chapter 64H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words '12 month period' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- '24 month period'.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting 87
after section __ the following section:-

"SECTION __. Section 12C of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure '18', in line 15, the following words:- 'or a retailer licensed pursuant to section 15'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting 88
after section __ the following section:-

"SECTION __. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 249 the following section:-

Section 250. Hospital Profit and Fairness

Definitions

(a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:-

'Facility', a hospital licensed under section 51 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, the teaching hospital of the University of Massachusetts medical school, any licensed private or state-owned and state-operated general acute care hospital, an acute psychiatric hospital, an acute care specialty hospital, or any acute care unit within a state operated healthcare facility. This definition shall not include rehabilitation facilities or long-term care facilities.

‘Compensation’, salary; bonus payments, whether based on performance or otherwise; deferred compensation; incentive payments; severance payments; loans to be repaid on terms, including interest, less burdensome than market rate; value of use of facility-provided vehicles, housing or other perquisites not available to all employees; stock or stock options and any dividends or other incidents of the ownership thereof.

‘Minimum facility compensation’, the value of the annual compensation received by a full time employee of a facility earning minimum wage as set under G.L. c. 151 1, or if none, then the lowest-paid full time employee.

(b) If in any fiscal year a facility that accepts funds from the Commonwealth, and whose patient mix is less than 60% government payer, reports to the Center for Health Information and Analysis an annual operating margin, including amortization and depreciation, that exceeds 8%, that facility shall be subject to a civil penalty equal to the amount by which the annual operating margin exceeds 8%.

(c) If the chief executive officer of a facility that accepts funds from the Commonwealth receives annual compensation greater than 50 times the minimum facility compensation, the facility shall be subject to a civil penalty equal to the amount by which the Chief Executive Officer's annual compensation exceeds 50 times the value of the minimum facility compensation.

(d) Each facility that accepts funds from the Commonwealth shall report annually to the Center for Health Information and Analysis all financial assets owned by the facility, including those held in financial institutions outside the United States or invested outside the United States. Unless prohibited by other law, the Center for Health Information and Analysis shall make this information public within 7 calendar days of receipt.

(e) There is hereby established on the books of the Commonwealth a fund to be known as the Medicaid Reimbursement Enhancement Fund. Any penalties collected as a result of violations of this act shall be deposited into this fund, and subject to appropriation, shall be used to improve Medicaid reimbursement to eligible hospitals.

(f) This act shall not be construed to impair any contract or agreement in effect as of January 1, 2025.

(g) The Health Policy Commission shall promulgate regulations governing the implementation, operation, and enforcement of this act.

(h) Severability. The provisions of this act are severable, and if any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this law or an application thereof shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or application adjudged invalid and such clause, sentence, paragraph, section or application shall be reformed and construed so that it would be valid to the maximum extent permitted.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ 89
the following section:-

“SECTION __. (a) There shall be a task force to evaluate current best practices and make recommendations to strengthen medication administration in rest homes, as defined in Section 71 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws. The task force shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following: (i) a review of the current practice of utilizing responsible persons, as defined in 105 CMR 150.001, for medication administration to residents who cannot self-administer medications; (ii) review of other models of medication administration that may be currently in use at rest homes in Massachusetts or other states; (iii) review of other models of medication administration that may be in place in other residential or day programs, including the Medication Administration Program authorized by Section 7 of Chapter 94C of the General Laws that is used in community programs, as defined in 105 CMR 700.001; and (iv) to the extent possible, a review of all operational and financial factors relative to implementing a new system for administering medications in a rest home.

(b) The task force shall consist of the secretary of health and human services, or their designee, who shall serve as chair; the commissioner of public health, or their designee; the chairs of the joint committee on aging and independence, or their designees; and 5 members, 3 of whom shall be representatives from the Massachusetts Association of Residential Care Homes, Inc., 2 of whom shall be representatives of LeadingAge Massachusetts, Inc.

(c) The task force shall submit a report of its findings, including any recommendations or proposed legislative or regulatory language necessary to carry out its recommendations, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on aging and independence not later than December 31, 2026."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting 90
after section __ the following section:-

"SECTION __. Section 115A of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- 'For the purposes of this section, the calculation of a retail establishment's sales volume shall exclude gross receipts from the sale of: (i) lottery tickets or shares sold pursuant to chapter 10; (ii) prepaid gift cards or stored value cards, regardless of where any such card may be redeemed, which are sold to consumers at face value or a premium or discount thereto; and (iii) motor fuels.'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Mark and Oliveira, Ms. Comerford and Messrs. O'Connor and Eldridge moved 93
that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section XX the following section:-

"SECTION XX. The secretary of transportation is hereby authorized and directed to develop, participate in the development of, negotiate and enter into compacts on behalf of the Commonwealth with the states of Connecticut, New York, and Vermont, New Hampshire or any appropriate agency or jurisdiction thereof, to implement the following purposes:

(a) It shall be the purpose of this compact, through means of joint and cooperative action among the compacting states to: (i) establish permanent commuter rail service between the cities of New Haven and Brattleboro including stops in Greenfield, Holyoke, Northampton, and Springfield; (ii) establish permanent commuter rail service between the cities of Worcester and Albany including stops in Pittsfield, Chester, Springfield, and Palmer; (iii) explore the extension of the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail Program along the Knowledge Corridor through Holyoke, Northampton, Greenfield, and Brattleboro; (iv) publicly promote permanent commuter rail services connecting Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties to Albany, Boston, Brattleboro, Hartford, and New Haven, and undertake efforts to ensure the success of permanent commuter rail service in Western Massachusetts.

(b) It shall be the policy of the compacting states that the activities conducted by any interstate commissions created are the formation of public policies and therefore are public business. Furthermore, the compacting states shall cooperate and observe their individual and collective duties and responsibilities to ensure the success of any programs established. The provisions of this compact shall be reasonably and liberally construed to accomplish the purposes and policies of the compact."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Mark and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section XX the following section:- 95

"SECTION XX Chapter 90B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 22A the following section:-

Section 22B. In conjunction with the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts, or its successor organization, a three-day 'free snowmobile weekend' shall be established annually by the Massachusetts Office of Law Enforcement on a mutually agreeable weekend during the winter snowmobiling season. For the purposes of this section a "free snowmobile weekend" is defined as Friday, Saturday, Sunday during which Massachusetts snowmobile registration and Trail Pass provided by the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts or its appendant clubs is not required for non-residents to operate snowmobiles on public lands, or private lands under agreement with the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts or its appendant clubs, provided said non-resident has proof of a valid registration in any state or Canadian province."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Mark and Collins and Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section XX the following section:- 96

"SECTION XX. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

(i) 'Community School', a public school that utilizes a community school coordinator to facilitate the establishment of a set of strategic partnerships between the school and other community resources that leverage shared accountability, collaborative leadership, capacity building, and family and community engagement, to promote student achievement, and the well-being of students, families, educators, and neighborhood residents through a variety of engaging practices including the provision of wraparound services.

(ii) 'Community Schools strategy', a strategy that transforms a school into a community school where educators, local community members, families, and students work together to establish shared vision and goals to strengthen conditions for student learning and healthy development, including but not limited to the organization of in- and out-of-school resources, supports, and student opportunities.

(b) There shall be a special legislative commission on community schools, hereinafter referred to as the commission, to investigate community schools and to make recommendations regarding the adoption of community schools across the commonwealth. The special legislative commission shall consist of 15 members: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education, or their designee, who shall serve as co-chairs; the secretary of Education or a designee; the secretary of Health and Human services or a designee; 1 representative from the Massachusetts Community Schools Coalition; 1 representative from the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts; 1 representative from Massachusetts Teachers Association; 1 representative from United Way of Massachusetts Bay; and 7 members to be appointed by the Governor: 2 of whom shall be student representatives from existing Massachusetts community schools, 1 of whom shall be a parent representative from an existing Massachusetts community schools, 1 of whom shall be a superintendent from a Massachusetts district employing community school strategies, 1 of whom shall be a principal of a Massachusetts community school, 1 of whom shall be a Massachusetts community school coordinator, and 1 of whom shall be a member who represents a community based organization. In making such appointments, the Governor shall consider rural, urban, and suburban geographic representation across the commission.

(c) The commission shall: (i) analyze systems, structures, and policies that support successful community school implementation models and trends in community school model adoption across different jurisdictions in the Commonwealth and nationwide; (ii) investigate the policies of other such jurisdictions intended to support and incentivize community school model adoption, (iii) provide an assessment of community school adoption, implementation, and outcomes in Massachusetts; (iv) define the essential elements and principles of implementing community school models, including but not limited to as an equity strategy; (v) research the outcomes and evidence associated with community schools model adoption, including but not limited to reductions in school absenteeism; (vi) investigate the policies of other jurisdictions intended to support and incentivize community school adoption; (vii) identify any existing barriers, including but not limited to legal, regulatory, information and training, or funding barriers for Massachusetts schools to successfully adopt and implement community school strategies. The commission shall meet not less than once every two months.

(d) The commission shall develop a report of its findings and include specific recommendations in response to such findings, including any legislative or regulatory changes necessary for the Commonwealth to implement the commission's recommendations. At a minimum, such report shall include: (i) an overview of the findings of the commission's work pursuant to subsection (b), including but not limited to policy recommendations relative to codifying definitions relative to community schools; adopting policies and funding strategies to incentivize statewide adoption of community school strategies; and, creating sustainable funding streams in support of local district and school-level adoption and implementation of community school strategies; (ii) recommendations for a statewide community school pilot program including, but not limited to: (1) the number and nature of eligible communities to participate in the pilot program, (2) the resources necessary to support the pilot program, (3) the process by which pilot funding should be awarded, and (4) the data and outcomes reporting requirements and criteria for the evaluation of the pilot program and its participants. The commission shall file its report with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education, the office of the governor, and the executive office of education not later than February 15, 2027."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Mark, Cyr, O'Connor and Eldridge, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Jehlen 97
moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section XX the following section:-

"SECTION XX. (a) There shall be a special commission on micro-transit to study existing and emerging micro-transit services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and funding to: (i) benchmark different types of micro-transit operating models, including those operated by a regional transit authority and those operated by other entities, various types of micro-transit services, and populations dependent upon these services; (ii) assess funding sources and current limitations or outstanding funding needs related to offering micro-transit services in regions across the Commonwealth; and (iii) define micro-transit services for the purposes of determining eligibility for state funding; (iv) estimate annual state funding needed to support existing and emerging micro-transit services across the Commonwealth and propose a mechanism and frequency for reassessing such state funding estimate to account for changes in micro-transit needs and opportunities in the future; and (v) to explore micro-transit as a way to close mobility gaps, enhance connectivity across existing transit services, and address inequities in transportation access for certain geographies and populations.

(b) The commission shall consist of the following members or their designees: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on transportation, or their designees who shall serve as co-chairs; 2 persons to be appointed by the Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit Authorities, both of whom shall be former or current administrators of a regional transit authority and 1 of whom represents a regional transit authority that serves rural communities and 1 of whom represents a regional transit authority that has offered micro-transit services;

the administrator of the rail and transit division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or designee; 2 persons representing existing or emerging micro-transit service operated by an entity that is not a regional transit authority; 1 person representing Transportation for Massachusetts; 1 person representing the Massachusetts Councils on Aging;1 person appointed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association who represents a municipality sponsoring or operating a micro-transit service; 1 person appointed by MassHire Department of Career Services who shall represent an office of MassHire Department of Career Services in a rural community; 1 person appointed by the Massachusetts AFL-CIO who shall represent regional transit authority employees; and 1 person appointed by Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies who shall represent a regional planning agency from a region with a majority of rural communities.

(c) The commission shall file a final report of its study and recommendations with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on transportation and the secretary of transportation not later than 3 months after this section takes effect; provided, however, that the commission may make a draft report available to the public for comment before filing its final report."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following sections:- 98

"SECTION __. Section 1 of chapter 93K of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words 'subsection (d)', in line 42, the following words:- 'or (f)'.

SECTION __. Subsection (f) of section 2 of said chapter 93K, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

'Commencing in model year 2022 and thereafter a manufacturer of motor vehicles sold in the Commonwealth, including heavy duty vehicles that are not heavy duty vehicles built to custom specifications sold in the commonwealth for commercial purposes, that utilize a telematics system shall be required to equip such vehicles with an inter-operable, standardized and open access platform across all of the manufacturer's makes and models.'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Mark, Cyr and Oliveira, Ms. Rausch and Messrs. Feeney, O'Connor and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section XX the following section:- 99

"SECTION XX. Section 1 of Chapter 12C of the General Laws as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of 'Self-insured group' the following definitions:-

'Single payer benchmark', the estimated total costs of providing health care to all residents of Massachusetts under a single payer health care system in the previous year, as established in section 23.

'Single payer health care', a system providing publicly financed, universal access to health care for the population through a unified public health care plan, simplifying administration and allowing the budgeting of health care spending.

SECTION XX. Chapter 12C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 24 the following:-

Section 25. (a) The center shall monitor, review, and evaluate reports related to single payer health care; provided, that the center shall also monitor the performance of single payer health care systems in other states and countries. (b) The center shall establish a single payer benchmark that shall be an estimate of the total cost of providing health care to all residents of Massachusetts under a single payer health care system during the previous year, provided that the single payer health care system offers continuous, comprehensive, affordable coverage for all Massachusetts residents regardless of income, assets, health status, or availability of other health coverage. (c) The center shall include in its annual report, as mandated by section 16 (a), a comparison of the single payer benchmark with the actual health care spending in the state for the previous year, indicating whether the state would have saved money while expanding access to care under a single payer health care system.

SECTION XX. Chapter 6D of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 21 the following:-

Section 22. If at the outset of fiscal year 2028, the board determines that the single payer benchmark, as calculated by the Center for Health Information and Analysis under Section 25 of Chapter 12C, has outperformed the actual total health care spending and spending growth in the state, the commission shall, no later than June 30, 2029, submit a "Single Payer Health Care Implementation Plan" to the Legislature for consideration. The Implementation Plan will be developed after holding public hearings and meetings across the state, and will consist of legislation to implement a single payer health care system for Massachusetts, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 12C, and that offers continuous, comprehensive, affordable coverage for all Massachusetts residents regardless of income, assets, health status, or availability of other health coverage."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Mark and Oliveira, Ms. Rausch and Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed 100
new text be amended by inserting after section XX the following section:-

"SECTION XX. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the health policy commission shall, in consultation with the center for health information and analysis, the commonwealth health insurance connector authority, and the division of insurance, conduct a review and issue a report related to establishing a public health insurance option in the commonwealth. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) an analysis of public health options in other states and jurisdictions; (ii) an analysis of public health insurance option models; (iii) an estimated cost of establishing a public health option under the researched models; and (iv) a comparison of private health insurance payment rates to Medicare Parts A and B payment rates. The report shall include recommendations regarding: (i) a public health insurance option model; (ii) identification of the appropriate state agency to administer a public health option in the commonwealth; (iii) the estimated annual administrative costs to operate a public health option and proposed funding mechanisms under the recommended model; (iv) proposed eligibility requirements for a public health option under the recommended model; (v) the estimated premium rates for a public health option at a level sufficient to fully finance the costs of such a public health option under the recommended model; (vi) proposed payment rates for a public health option for services and providers under the recommended model; (vii) health care provider participation guidelines and processes for a public health option under the recommended model; and (viii) any other available information that the commission considers necessary to fulfill its duties under this section; provided, if the report indicates that a public health option under the recommended model will outperform the average cost of a private health insurance plan in terms of cost-savings and spending growth in the commonwealth, the report shall include draft legislation necessary to implement said recommendations for the legislature's consideration. The report shall be filed with the clerks of the house of representative and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on health care financing 12 months after the effective date of this act."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Mark and Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting 101
after section XX, the following section:-

"SECTION XX. The General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 93L the following chapter:

CHAPTER 93M. Protection and Privacy of Social Care Information

SECTION 1. Definitions

'Closed-Loop Referral System' or 'CLRS' means any system that stores the social care information of one or more individuals; enables the sharing of social care information with and between participating entities for the purpose of referring individuals for social care; and is capable of updating or showing updated referral activity, including data related to participating organizations completing referrals.

'Participating organization' means any entity that has the ability to create, receive, or update referrals, or other social care information in a CLRS, including, but not limited to, healthcare providers, health plans, public agencies, charitable and nonprofit organizations, CLRS technology vendors, and entities that provide social care.

'Social care' means care, services, goods, or supplies related to an individual's social needs. 'Social care' includes, but is not limited to, support and assistance for an individual's food stability and nutritional needs, housing, transportation, economic stability, employment, education access and quality, childcare and family relationship needs, and environmental and physical safety.

'Social care information' means any information that relates to the need for, payment for, or provision of social care, and identifies the person receiving social care, or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual receiving social care.

SECTION 2.

(a) In a manner that is consistent with federal and State law, a participating organization shall not sell or license social care information that is stored in or transmitted through a closed-loop referral system.

(b) In a manner that is consistent with federal and State law, social care information stored in or transmitted through a closed-loop referral system shall not be used for any purpose other than the purpose for which that information was collected or generated.

(c) A participating organization that sells, offers for sale, licenses, or otherwise furnishes, provides, or transmits to any other individual or entity social care information in violation of this section shall be liable to a civil penalty of $1,000 for each violation.

(d) A civil penalty assessed pursuant to this section shall be collected and enforced by the attorney general.

SECTION 3. Implementation

The attorney general may adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of this chapter.

SECTION 4. Effective Date

This act shall take effect 90 days following the date of enactment."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Mark and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding at 109
the end thereof the following section:-

"SECTION XX. Section 13T of Chapter 23A is hereby amended in the first paragraph by adding at the end thereof the following:- '; and 2.5% of the state's room occupancy excise from the prior fiscal year'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Mark, Ms. Comerford and Messrs. Cyr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new 110
text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3207 relative to Rural Jobs.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ 124
the following sections:-

"SECTION __. Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 47UU the following section:-

Section 47VV. When any provision in this chapter requires a diagnostic evaluation, medical necessity determination, certification, written order, prescription, or treatment recommendation by an attending, treating or consulting physician as a condition of coverage or reimbursement of health services, that requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered nurse practicing under section 80B of chapter 112. Nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses.

SECTION __. Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 8VV the following section:-

Section 8WW. When any provision in this chapter requires a diagnostic evaluation, medical necessity determination, certification, written order, prescription, or treatment recommendation by an attending, treating or consulting physician as a condition of coverage or reimbursement of health services, that requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered nurse practicing under section 80B of chapter 112. Nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses.

SECTION __. Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4VV the following section:-

Section 4WW. When any provision in this chapter requires a diagnostic evaluation, medical necessity determination, certification, written order, prescription, or treatment recommendation by an attending, treating or consulting physician as a condition of coverage or reimbursement of health services, that requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered nurse practicing under section 80B of chapter 112. Nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses.

SECTION __. Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4NN the following section:-

Section 4OO. When any provision in this chapter requires a diagnostic evaluation, medical necessity determination, certification, written order, prescription, or treatment recommendation by an attending, treating or consulting physician as a condition of coverage or reimbursement of health services, that requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered nurse practicing under section 80B of chapter 112. Nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses.

SECTION __. Subsection (a) of section 16 of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'physician', in line 1, the following words:- 'or advanced practice registered nurse'.

SECTION __. Said subsection (a) of section 16 of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 9, the words 'treating physician' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 'treating provider'.

SECTION __. Subsection (b) of section 16 of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'treating physician', in line 11, the following words:- ', treating advanced practice registered nurse'.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking out the words "on lots zoned for residential use" and inserting in place thereof the following words;- "on any lot zoned for residential use upon which a single-family dwelling is permitted, lawfully existing or entitled to protection under section 6, including a pre-existing nonconforming lot". 140

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Brownsberger, Ms. Comerford, Mr. Feeney, Ms. Rausch and Messrs. Eldridge and Payano moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3208 relative to Consumer Right to Repair. 141

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 43, by inserting after the word "paragraph", in line 510 the following sentences:- "No zoning ordinance or by-law shall require, solely because a lot or structure contains a duplex, greater minimum lot area, lot width, frontage, yards, setbacks, open space, landscaped area, parking, loading area or separation between structures, or impose a lower maximum building height, floor area ratio, lot coverage or number of stories, than would apply to a single-family dwelling on the same lot. A duplex shall be subject to the dimensional requirements applicable to a single-family dwelling in the applicable zoning district unless a less restrictive requirement otherwise applies." 142

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 43, by inserting after the word "paragraph", in line 510 the following sentences:- "A duplex may consist of dwelling units located within a single structure or within 2 residential structures on the same lot. The location of 2 residential structures on the same lot pursuant to this paragraph shall not, solely by reason of the number of structures, constitute a subdivision or a division of land under chapter 41. Nothing in this paragraph shall authorize the separate conveyance of either dwelling unit or any portion of the lot except in accordance with otherwise applicable law." 143

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 43, by inserting after the word "occupancy", in line 508, the following words:- "Site plan review of a duplex shall be limited to the application of clear, objective and generally applicable standards contained in the zoning ordinance or by-law on the date a complete application is filed. Site plan review shall not require a special permit, variance or other discretionary zoning approval and shall not be denied if the proposed duplex complies with such objective standards. Conditions shall be limited to those necessary to achieve compliance with an express zoning requirement and shall not regulate matters within the exclusive jurisdiction of another federal, state or local permitting authority." 145

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Brownsberger moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following sections:- 146

"SECTION XX. The general laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 159B the following chapter:-

Chapter 159B1/2.

DELIVERY NETWORK COMPANIES

Section 1.

Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter the following terms shall have the following meanings:

'Delivery driver', a person making deliveries of property as arranged through a delivery network company.

'Delivery network company', a private entity doing business in the Commonwealth which uses a digital network to facilitate the delivery of property to consumers by delivery drivers.

'Delivery driver account', an account, profile, or other credential which allows a person to use a delivery network company's network to conduct deliveries as a delivery driver.

'Identifying apparel', a jacket, vest, or other wearing apparel on the upper part of a delivery driver's body as the outermost garment while making deliveries the back of which shall display the word 'delivery' in lettering not less than two inches in height in a color that contrasts with the color of the garment; provided that any garment prescribed by a municipality for delivery drivers shall be considered adequate identifying apparel.

‘Motorized delivery vehicle’, any vehicle used for the delivery of property on behalf of a private entity that is driven, drawn or assisted by a motor of any kind, including, without limitation, electric and internal combustion motors, provided, that a motorized delivery vehicle shall not mean a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 2 of chapter 159B.

‘Registrar’, the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Section 2.

No delivery driver shall make deliveries on any public way without a valid driver’s license or license to operate a motorcycle, regardless of whether the vehicle would require a license to be operated for a purpose other than making deliveries as arranged through a delivery network company. Making deliveries in violation of this paragraph shall constitute a violation of section 10 of chapter 90.

Any person found to be in violation of this section shall be subject to the penalties imposed by section 20 of chapter 90.

Section 3.

No delivery driver shall operate a motorized delivery vehicle on any way without wearing identifying apparel unless they are fully enclosed within a vehicle. Any person convicted of violating this section shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than $250 dollars.

Section 4.

A delivery network company shall only authorize a person to create a delivery driver account and make deliveries using a motorized delivery vehicle if the person has a valid license to operate the intended motorized delivery vehicle pursuant to section 2 of this chapter.

No delivery network company shall allow a person to create a delivery driver account if the person has been convicted of the following:

Operating without a valid license in the past 5 years prior to their application; or

Operating without valid registration in the past 2 years prior to their application.

Delivery network companies shall contact the Registrar not less than every 6 months to verify the licenses associated with all delivery driver accounts. If any license is found to be invalid, the corresponding delivery driver account shall be immediately suspended until the license is again valid.

The Registrar shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this chapter.

SECTION XX. Section 31 of chapter 90 of the general laws is hereby amended in the first sentence by inserting after the word ‘trailers’ the following text:- ‘, or motorized delivery vehicle as defined in section 1 of chapter 159B1/2’.

SECTION XX. Section 1 of chapter 90C of the general laws, as appearing in the 2024 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 22, after the words ‘chapter 90,’, the following text:- ‘and a motorized delivery vehicle as defined in section 1 of chapter 159B1/2’.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking out the following 147
sentence:-

“Said regulations either individually or cumulatively shall not render the development of land for duplexes physically or financially infeasible and may impose restrictions and prohibitions on the operation of short-term rentals, pursuant to section 14 of chapter 64G and other applicable laws.” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “No regulation, condition, exaction, mitigation requirement or combination thereof shall render the development of a duplex physically or financially infeasible. Any condition requiring an improvement outside the boundaries of the lot shall address a direct adverse impact of the proposed duplex and shall be reasonably related and proportionate in nature and extent to that impact. A municipality may impose restrictions and prohibitions on the operation of short-term rentals pursuant to section 14 of chapter 64G and other applicable laws."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 43 by inserting after the word "occupancy" in line 508 the following paragraph:- 148

"A decision denying an application for a duplex or imposing a condition contested by the applicant shall identify with particularity each applicable provision of a zoning ordinance or by-law upon which the denial or condition is based, the material facts supporting the decision and the reasons that approval subject to a less restrictive condition would not adequately address the identified concern. A denial or condition not supported by the written findings required by this paragraph shall be invalid."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking out the words:- 149
"; provided further, that regulations concerning the height of a duplex do not limit height to less than 3 stories" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "; provided further, that a zoning ordinance or by-law shall not prohibit a duplex from containing 3 stories where a 3-story single-family dwelling is permitted, and shall not impose a duplex-specific height limitation lower than the height limitation applicable to a single-family dwelling in the same zoning district".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely and Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 150
43, by inserting after the word "occupancy", in line 508, the following words:- "Nothing in this paragraph shall exempt a duplex from the state building code, state fire code, state environmental laws, chapter 131, lawful floodplain regulations, drinking water requirements, wastewater disposal requirements or other generally applicable requirements protecting public health and safety; provided, however, that no such local requirement shall be applied to a duplex in a manner more restrictive than its application to a single-family dwelling of comparable size and site impact, except upon written findings identifying a material difference in impact."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Brownsberger moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text 151
of Senate document numbered 3209 relative to Strengthening the Massachusetts Antitrust Act.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 3, by inserting 152
after the word "occupancy", in line 508, the following paragraph:- "The zoning requirements applicable to a duplex application shall be those in effect on the date that a complete application for site plan review or, where site plan review is not required, a complete application for a building permit is filed. Such zoning protection shall remain in effect while the applicant diligently pursues any federal, state or local permit or approval necessary for construction and for not less than 24 months following issuance of the last such permit or approval."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 153
___ the following section:-

"SECTION ___. Section 43 shall take effect upon passage. Sections 41, 42 and 49 shall apply to applications filed on or after the effective date of this act; provided, however, that a municipality with a site plan review ordinance or by-law in effect before the effective date shall amend such ordinance or by-law for consistency with said sections not later than 1 year after the effective date. During such 1-year period, no existing ordinance or by-law shall be applied in a manner inconsistent with the protections established by section 43."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Brownsberger, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Gómez, Eldridge, Moore, Payano, Collins and Mark, Ms. Howard, Ms. Comerford, Ms. Lovely and Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following sections:- 155

"SECTION XX. Section 14 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word '14A' in line 19 the following words:- ', and an amount equal to 5 per cent of the revenue deposited in the fund in the prior fiscal year shall be transferred to the Community Empowerment and Reinvestment Grant Fund established in section 14B'.

SECTION XX. Chapter 94G is hereby amended by inserting after section 14A the following section:-

Section 14B. There shall be a Community Empowerment and Reinvestment Grant Fund to develop, strengthen and invest in communities disproportionately impacted by the criminal justice system, high poverty, and historic inequities. Eligible uses include job training, transitional employment programs, small business development, housing stabilization services, addiction treatment, and trauma-informed mental health care. The Executive Office of Economic Development shall administer the fund and provide an annual public report on expenditures."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Brownsberger moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking section 40 in its entirety. 163

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Brownsberger, Payano and Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section:- 164

"SECTION XX. The General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 93L the following chapter:-

CHAPTER 93M

THE REGULATION OF INTERNET CONNECTED DEVICES

Section 1. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

'Connected consumer product', any device or other physical object marketed whole or in part to consumers or small businesses and is capable of connecting to the Internet, either directly or indirectly, including the physical device, associated mobile application and necessary cloud infrastructure.

'Consumer', a person that owns or leases from a lessor a connected consumer product that the person or the lessor purchased or used in the commonwealth.

'End of software support period', the point at which the manufacturer ceases providing technical support, security updates, or bug fixes for the software, hardware, or firmware, necessary for the product to securely function, even if the product is still in use.

'End of sale', the point at which a manufacturer stops selling the product, which shall be no less than 1 year before the end of software support period.

'Firmware', means low-level software that is embedded into hardware devices that provides the essential instructions needed for hardware operation, acting as a middle layer between the hardware and higher-level software such as device operating systems or applications.

'Internet service provider' or 'ISP', a company or organization that provides individuals and businesses with access to the internet through infrastructure and networking technologies that connect to the global internet, such as broadband, fiber, DSL, and mobile data, often including electronic mail and web hosting.

‘Manufacturer’ or ‘original equipment manufacturer’ or ‘OEM’, a business engaged in the business of selling, leasing, or otherwise supplying new consumer electronic devices, or parts of equipment, manufactured by or on behalf of itself, to any individual or business.

‘Minimum guaranteed support time period’, means the minimum amount of time for which a company has publicly committed to providing technical support, security updates or bug fixes for the software, hardware, or firmware, expressed as continuing until a specific date or for a specified period of time that commences with the purchase of the device.

‘Point of sale’ or ‘POS’, an electronic terminal used by merchant employees for consumer purchases or services.

‘Product web page’, a web page specific to the particular connected consumer product that contains features and information about the product.

‘Security updates’, updates released to address vulnerabilities in the software, hardware, or firmware used by a connected consumer product.

‘Small business’, a business entity, including its affiliates, that: (i) is independently owned and operated; (ii) has a principal place of business in the commonwealth; and (iii) would be defined as a "small business" under applicable federal law, as established in the United States Code and promulgated from time to time by the United States Small Business Administration.

‘Technical support’, contractor- or manufacturer-provided assistance addressing technical issues for consumer electronic equipment, including but not limited to troubleshooting, repair, updates and usage guidance.

‘Vulnerability’, means a flaw in the software, hardware, or firmware running on a connected consumer product that lessens the security and integrity of the software, hardware or firmware needed to operate the product

Section 2. (a) For any connected consumer product sold on or after January 1, 2027, the manufacturer shall disclose a minimum guaranteed support period during which technical support, security updates and bug fixes shall be provided for the product's essential software, firmware, and hardware.

(b) Disclosures required under subsection (a) shall: (i) be made at the point of sale, where practicable; (ii) be displayed in a clear and conspicuous manner on the product packaging and on the manufacturer's website or product-specific webpage; and (iii) specify the end of software support period date or the length of support from the date of sale.

(c) A manufacturer shall not shorten the disclosed support period after the sale of a product but may extend the support period by issuing updated disclosures.

(d) Not less than 6 months prior to the end of the minimum guaranteed support period, the manufacturer shall notify consumers of the forthcoming end of software support period, including a list of features that will no longer function and any cybersecurity risks; performance degradation; reduced interoperability; or other changes that may result from the discontinued product support.

e) Manufacturers shall post the notification required under subsection d on the product-specific web page; provided, however, that manufacturers shall also deliver notifications required under subsection (d) by at least 1 of the following methods, if feasible: (i) in-product messaging through an associated application or user interface, where the manufacturer provides such application or interface to consumers; or (ii) email communications, where the manufacturer possesses consumer contact data.

(f) Internet service providers that supply or lease connected consumer products shall be responsible for ensuring that such products:

(i) continue to receive security updates if still in active deployment; or

(ii) if declared end of software support period, are replaced, at no cost to the consumer, with comparable products capable of receiving security updates.

Section 3. (a) A violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice under section 2 of chapter 93A.

(b) Any person who suffers an ascertainable loss of money or property, real or personal, as a result of a manufacturer's or service provider's violation of this chapter may bring an action under chapter 93A, section 9, to recover actual damages, including but not limited to:

(i) costs to repair or replace the affected product;

(ii) costs of substitute or alternative products;

(iii) shipping, installation and setup costs;

(iv) consequential damages resulting from product failure;

(v) lost income or wages from interruptions to use;

(vi) other documented financial losses;

(vii) reasonable attorney's fees and costs; and

(viii) injunctive or declaratory relief as appropriate.

(c) The rights and remedies established by this chapter shall be in addition to any other rights or remedies available under state or federal law."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting at the end 176
thereof the following section:-

"SECTION X. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of conservation and recreation, may enter into a 25-year lease with the town of Plymouth, for the fields and facilities, together with the land and appurtenances of a parcel of land known as the Pilgrim Memorial State Park which is located at 79 Water street, in the town of Plymouth. The lease may provide for improvements to the field and facilities, together with the land and appurtenances. Any lease executed under this section shall be on terms, conditions and consideration acceptable to the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of conservation and recreation, and may be renewed decenially for 10 year terms at the discretion of the parties named above; provided, however, that any lease entered into pursuant to this section shall provide that: (i) the town of Plymouth shall provide general oversight for land, facilities, fields and appurtenances associated therewith during the term of the lease; (ii) the town of Plymouth shall carry comprehensive general liability insurance naming the commonwealth as a co-insured, to protect the commonwealth against all claims for personal injury or property damage arising from or on land and appurtenances associated therewith during the term of the lease; (iii) Pilgrim Memorial State Park shall be accessible to the general public when not in use by permittees; (iv) the town of Plymouth shall not design or construct any facilities on the parcel without the written approval of the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance and the commissioner of conservation and recreation; (v) the town of Plymouth shall be responsible for all utility costs, subject to the lease, and for the general day-to-day maintenance of Pilgrim Memorial State Park; (vi) the town of Plymouth shall have sole responsibility for the development of rules and the establishment of fees for the use of Pilgrim Memorial Park."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Keenan and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 178
152, in line 1924, by inserting, after the second use of the word "insurance", the following words:- "; 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition, also known as MassBike".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fernandes, Cyr, O'Connor and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be 180
amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3210 relative to Encouraging home ownership by establishing a first time home buyers savings account.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of 183
Senate document numbered 3211 relative to Fostering artificial intelligence responsibility.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the 189
text of Senate document numbered 3212 relative to Animal telehealth.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Howard, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Gómez, Ms. Miranda, Mr. Mark, Ms. 193
Rausch, Messrs. Keenan, Eldridge, Oliveira, Payano and Collins, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Comerford and Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3213 relative to Data Centers.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Howard and Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting 194
the text of Senate document numbered 3214 relative to Universal Pre-K Access.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Howard, Ms. Rausch and Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be 197
amended by inserting the following:-

“SECTION XX. Section 1 of chapter 175M of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the definition of ‘Covered individual’ and inserting the following:-

‘Covered individual’, either: (i) an employee who meets the financial eligibility requirements of subsection (a) of section 24 of chapter 151A; provided, however, that all such employment shall have been with an employer in the commonwealth; (ii) a personal care attendant, as defined in section 70 of chapter 118E, whose wages from working as a personal care attendant meet the financial eligibility requirements of said subsection (a) of said section 24 of said chapter 151A; (iii) a family child care provider, as defined in subsection (a) of section 17 of chapter 15D, whose payments from working as a family child care provider meet the financial eligibility requirements of said subsection (a) of said section 24 of said chapter 151A; (iv) a self-employed individual: (A) who has elected coverage under subsection (j) of section 2; and (B) whose reported earnings to the department of revenue from self-employment meet the financial eligibility requirements of said subsection (a) of said section 24 of said chapter 151A as if the individual were an employee; (v) a covered contract worker: (A) for whom at least 1 employer or covered business entity is required to remit contributions to the Family and Employment Security Trust Fund pursuant to section 6; and (B) whose payments from such employer or covered business entity satisfy the financial eligibility requirements of said subsection (a) of said section 24 of said chapter 151A as if the covered contract worker were an employee; (vi) an employee of a school district as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 or an education collaborative as established under section 4E of chapter 40; or (vii) a former employee who has: (A) met the financial eligibility requirements of said subsection (a) of said section 24 of said chapter 151A at the time of the former employee's separation from employment; provided, however, that all such employment shall have been with an employer in the commonwealth; and (B) been separated from employment for not more than 26 weeks at the start of the former employee’s family or medical leave.

SECTION XX. Section 1 of said chapter 175M is hereby amended by striking the definition of ‘Employer’ and inserting the following:-

‘Employer’, shall have the same meaning as provided in subsection (i) of section 1 of chapter 151A; provided, however, that an individual employer shall be determined by the Federal Employer Identification Number; provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the PCA quality home care workforce council established in section 71 of chapter 118E shall be the employer of personal care attendants, as defined in section 70 of said chapter 118E, solely for the purposes of section 6 and consumers, as defined in said section 70 of said chapter 118E, shall be considered the employers of personal care attendants solely for the purposes of the notice requirements set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of section 4 and subsection (d) of section 8; provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of early education and care shall be the employer of family child care providers, as defined in subsection (a) of section 17 of chapter 15D, solely for the purposes of section 6 and the notice provisions set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of section 4 and subsection (d) of section 8; provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a school district as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 or an education collaborative as established under section 4E of chapter 40 shall be considered a covered employer and shall not be subject to section 10 of this chapter; provided further, that any employer not subject to this chapter may become a covered employer under this chapter by notifying the department of family and medical leave and completing the procedure established by the department; and provided further, that a municipality, district, political subdivision or its instrumentalities shall not be subject to this chapter unless it adopts this chapter under section 10.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 175M is hereby amended by striking out subsection (f) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(f) Notwithstanding subsection (e) or any other general or special law to the contrary, the taking of family or medical leave shall not affect an employee’s right to accrue vacation time, sick leave, bonuses, advancement, seniority, length-of-service credit, creditable service as defined in section 1 of chapter 32, or other employment benefits, plans or programs. During the duration of an employee’s family or medical leave, the employer shall provide for, contribute to or otherwise maintain the employee's employment-related health insurance benefits, if any, at the level and under the conditions coverage would have been provided if the employee had continued working continuously for the duration of such leave.

SECTION XX. Said section 2 of said chapter 175M is hereby inserting the following subsection:-

(k) Benefits shall not be paid to any individual for any week commencing during an established and customary vacation period or holiday recess if such individual is employed with the employer in the period immediately before such vacation period or holiday recess, and there is a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform such services in the period immediately following such vacation period or holiday recess.

SECTION XX. Section 6 of said chapter 175M is hereby amended by adding after subsection (c) (2) the following subsection:-

(3) For a school district as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 or an education collaborative as established under section 4E of chapter 40 the required employer’s portion of the contribution for medical leave pursuant to (c) (1) and family leave pursuant to (c) (2) of this section shall be paid for with income surtax revenue tax specified in subsection (d) of section 4 of chapter 62, and remitted to the Family and Employment Security Trust Fund by the commonwealth.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 198
7002-8087, by inserting after the word “grants” the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than $1,300,000 shall be expended to the Town of Pepperell for the purchase of a fire pumper”; and by striking the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$1,400,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Cyr, Driscoll and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by 210
adding the following sections:-

“SECTION XX. Chapter 17 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

7B. (a)The department shall establish a training program for all members of local boards of health. The training program shall be an annual training that is offered at no cost to municipalities. In developing the training program, the department shall consult with the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health. To the extent practicable, the training programs shall be offered online and in various locations throughout the commonwealth, at various times of the year.

(b) Each member of a local board of health shall, not later than 60 days after becoming a board member, and every 2 years thereafter, complete the training program. Each member shall, upon completion of the training program, provide notice to the town or city clerk and such notice shall be retained for 6 years.

SECTION XX. Chapter 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15 the following new section:-

15A. (a) The department of environmental protection shall establish a training program for all members of local conservation commissions. The training program shall be an annual training that is offered at no cost to municipalities. In developing the training program, the department shall consult with the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions. To the extent practicable, the training programs shall be offered online and in various locations throughout the commonwealth, at various times of the year.

(b) Each member of a local conservation commission shall, not later than 60 days after becoming a commission member, and every 2 years thereafter, complete the training program. Each member shall, upon completion of the training program, provide notice to the town or city clerk and such notice shall be retained for 6 years.

SECTION XX. Chapter 23B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 37. (a) The executive office of housing and livable communities shall establish a training program for members of local planning boards, special permit granting authorities and zoning boards of appeals to provide education and self-evaluation. The training program shall be an annual training that is offered at no cost to municipalities. In developing the training program, the executive office shall consult with the Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors, Inc., the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies, the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association, Inc. and the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative. The training program shall cover: (i) special permits; (ii) subdivision control; (iii) variances; (iv) fair housing; and (v) any other laws that govern the role and responsibility of the local planning board. To the extent practicable, the training programs shall be offered online and in various locations throughout the commonwealth, at various times of the year.

(b) Each member of a local planning board, special permit granting authority and zoning board of appeals shall, not later than 60 days after becoming a board member, and every 2 years thereafter, complete the training program. Each member shall, upon completion of the training program, provide notice to the town or city clerk and such notice shall be retained for 6 years."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 219
7002-8087, by inserting the following words:- "; provided further, that no less than $10,000,000 be expended to the University of Massachusetts Medical School for the expansion of healthcare workforce development and educational initiatives to address documented health care provider shortages in the commonwealth"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$10,100,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Mark, Cyr, Oliveira and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section XX, the following section:- 221

"SECTION XX Massachusetts produced food and beverage products will be authorized and shall be encouraged to be offered for retail sale at: state university bookstores controlled by the Dept of Higher Education; the five terminals at Logan Airport and the terminal at the Worcester Regional Airport controlled by the Massachusetts Port Authority; North Station and South Station controlled by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and the service plazas on the Massachusetts Turnpike and other roadways controlled by the Massachusetts Dept of Transportation."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following section:- 223

"SECTION XX. Section 59 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amendment by adding the following:-

For purposes of this section, a property shall be deemed disproportionately assessed if there is a demonstrated disparity in its assessed valuation in relationship to the assessed valuations of comparable properties of the same class, use, and general location. In establishing such claim, the applicant shall not be required to present independent evidence of the fair cash value of the subject property, provided that the applicant demonstrates an assessment disparity among comparable properties. A comparison of assessed valuations of comparable properties, when not attributable to legitimate differences in use, condition, or classification, shall constitute evidence of disproportionate assessment."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Kennedy and Messrs. Oliveira, Gómez, Moore and Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section:- 228

"SECTION XX. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act, the executive office of economic development shall, in coordination with the executive office of labor and workforce development, the executive office of housing and livable communities, and the Massachusetts department of transportation, submit a report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies with recommendations for a statewide economic development plan.

(b) The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) strategic investments that can be made across the commonwealth; (ii) ensuring regional equity in investments from the executive office of economic development."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fernandes, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Keenan, Ms. Creem, Ms. Jehlen and Mr. Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3215 relative to Historical Horse Racing. 234

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fernandes and Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sections:- 236

"SECTION X. Section 3 of chapter 701 of the acts of 1960, as most recently amended by sections 3 and 4 of chapter 429 of the acts of 2002, is hereby further amended, in the second paragraph, by striking the word 'his' and inserting in place thereof the word 'the;' and by inserting at the end thereof the following words:-

'No member shall serve more than three full terms; provided, that a member appointed to fill a vacancy may serve three full terms after serving the unexpired portion of the former member.'

SECTION X. Notwithstanding section 3 of chapter 701 of the acts of 1960, as amended herein, members serving on the Steamship Authority Board who have served three full terms as of the effective date of this act may complete the remainder of their term and may serve an additional term immediately after their current term expires."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fernandes and Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following section:- 239

"SECTION X. Section 13T of Chapter 23A is hereby amended, in the first paragraph, by inserting at the end thereof the following:- '; and 1.5% of the state's room occupancy excise from the prior fiscal year'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking section 135 in its entirety and by inserting in place thereof the following:- 241

"SECTION 135. Section 12 of chapter 156C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following section:

(d) The fee for the filing of the certificate of organization required by subsection (a) shall be one hundred dollars. The fee for the filing of the first annual report required by subsection (c) shall be one hundred dollars, and the fee for the filing of each annual report required by said subsection (c) thereafter shall be five hundred dollars. Such fees shall be paid to the state secretary at the time the certificate of organization or the annual report is filed."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Velis, Mark and Brady, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Edwards and Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section:- 242

"SECTION X. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 2OOOOOO the following section:-

Section 2PPPPPP. (a) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Digital Navigator Workforce Development Fund, to be administered by the secretary of labor and workforce development in consultation with the Massachusetts Digital Navigation Commission, established in subsection (b). The secretary shall make expenditures from the fund without further appropriation; provided, however, that not more than 10 per cent of the amount held in the fund in any 1 year shall be used by the secretary for the combined cost of program administration, technical assistance to grantees and program evaluation. The secretary may contract with any appropriate entity to administer the fund or any portion therein.

(b) There shall be a Massachusetts Digital Navigation Commission, constituted to:

(1) make recommendations to the secretary concerning the administration and allocation of the fund and establish evaluation criteria; and

(2) study and make recommendations on ways to address the inequity of digital access through the recruitment and implementation of trusted guides, known as 'digital navigators', who assist community members with ongoing, individualized support for accessing affordable and appropriate connectivity, devices and digital skills.

(c) The commission shall consist of the following members: the secretary of labor and workforce development; 1 member who shall represent the executive office of technology services and security; 1 member who shall represent the executive office of elder affairs; 1 member who shall represent the department of public health; 1 member who shall represent the Alliance for Digital Equity of Western Massachusetts; 1 member who shall represent Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; 1 member who shall represent MassHealth; 1 member who shall represent Tech Goes Home; 1 member who shall represent Vinfen; 1 member who shall represent the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers; and 1 member who shall represent the Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative. All appointments shall be made not later than 30 days after the effective date of this section. The chairs shall meet with the commission not later than 60 days after the effective date of this section.

(d) In the first year of the establishment of the fund, and in subsequent years to the extent the commission determines such funds are still needed, the comptroller shall annually transfer not less than 20 per cent of available funds in the fund to the executive office of technology services and security, without requiring the approval of the secretary of labor and workforce development, to be expended in consultation with the commission to study and make recommendations on, in furtherance of the mandate set forth in clause (2) of subsection (b), the following:

(1) how the needs of the residents of the commonwealth can be met by digital navigation services within the broader goal of digital equity;

(2) the scope and social determinant of health and quality of life outcomes provided through digital navigation;

(3) opportunities for state agencies to support the work of digital navigation to further the goals of the agencies in meeting the needs of commonwealth residents;

(4) methods for funding digital navigators including private and public contracting, state grantmaking and state and federal reimbursement for services;

(5) qualifications and standards of digital navigators, including outlining a process for a statewide credentialing program for digital navigators;

(6) collecting data regarding current regional digital navigation initiatives across the commonwealth to understand opportunities, implementation design and statewide efficiencies; and

(7) any other considerations determined to be relevant by the commission.

Not later than 6 months following the effective date of this section, the executive office of technology services and security shall file its report and recommendations, including any legislation necessary to implement its recommendations, with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate.

(e) Remaining monies from the fund shall be expended on programs that have 1 or more of the following purposes, with a focus on aligning expenditures with industry needs:

(1) supporting the development and implementation of digital navigation programs;

(2) addressing critical digital navigation workforce shortages;

(3) improving employment in the digital navigation industry for low-income individuals and low-wage workers;

(4) providing training, educational or career ladder services for currently employed or unemployed digital navigation workers who are seeking new positions or responsibilities within the digital navigation industry; or

(5) providing training or educational services for digital navigation workers.

(f) The secretary shall establish a competitive grant process for funds expended on programs under subsection (e). Expenditures from the fund shall complement and not replace existing local, state, private or federal funding for training and educational programs. All approved activities funded through the fund shall support the mandate set forth in clause (1) of subsection (b).

(g) A grant proposal submitted under subsection (e) shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) a plan that defines specific goals for digital navigator training and educational improvements;

(2) the evidence-based programs the applicant shall use to meet the goals;

(3) a budget necessary to implement the plan, including a detailed description of any funding or in-kind contributions the applicant or applicants will be providing in support of the proposal;

(4) any other private funding or private sector participation the applicant anticipates in support of the proposal; and

(5) the anticipated number of individuals who would receive a benefit due to the implementation of the plan.

The secretary shall, in consultation with the commission, develop guidelines for an annual review of the progress being made by each grantee. Each grantee shall participate in any evaluation or accountability process implemented by or authorized by the secretary.

(h) There shall be credited to the fund all monies payable pursuant to any revenue from appropriations or other monies authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund, and any gifts, grants, private contributions, investment income earned on the fund's assets and all other sources. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the following fiscal year.

(i) The fund shall supplement and not replace existing publicly financed digital navigation workforce development programs.

(j) Annually, the secretary shall report on its strategy for administration and allocation of the fund, including relevant evaluation criteria, and short-term and long-term programmatic and policy recommendations to improve workforce performance, and on expenditures from the fund. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) the revenue credited to the fund; (ii) the amount of fund expenditures attributable to administrative costs; (iii) an itemized list of the funds expended through the competitive grant process and a description of the grantee activities; and (iv) the results of the evaluation of the effectiveness of the activities funded through grants. The secretary shall submit the report to the secretary of administration and finance, the chairpersons of the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on advanced information technology, the internet and cybersecurity, and the joint committee on labor and workforce development and the report shall be posted on the executive office of labor and workforce development's website.

(k) The secretary shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out this section."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, Cyr and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following sections:- 244

"SECTION __. Chapter 94B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 10 the following section:-

Section 11. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:-

'Food package', a package or packaging component that is intended for the marketing, protection or handling of a product intended for food contact or used to store food and foodstuffs for sale.

'Manufacturer', a person, firm, association, partnership, government entity, organization, joint venture or corporation that applies a package to a product for distribution or sale.

'Package', a container providing a means of marketing, protecting, or handling a product which shall include a unit package, an intermediate package, a package used for shipping or transport and unsealed receptacles such as carrying cases, crates, cups, pails, rigid foil and other trays, wrappers and wrapping films, bags, and tubs.

'Packaging component', an individual assembled part of a package including, but not limited to, any interior or exterior blocking, bracing, cushioning, weatherproofing, exterior strapping, coatings, closures, inks and labels.

'Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances', a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

(b) No person or entity shall manufacture, knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale or distribute for use in the commonwealth food packaging to which perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances have been intentionally added in any amount.

(c) A certificate of compliance stating that a package or packaging component is in compliance with the requirements of this section shall be furnished by its manufacturer or supplier to its purchaser. The certificate of compliance shall be signed by an authorized officer of the manufacturing or supplying company. The purchaser shall retain the certificate of compliance for as long as the package or packaging component is in use. A copy of the certificate of compliance shall be kept on file by the manufacturer or supplier of the package or packaging component. Certificates of compliance, or copies thereof, shall be furnished to the department of public health upon request and to members of the public in accordance with section 9.

If the manufacturer or supplier of the package or packaging component reformulates or creates a new package or packaging component, the manufacturer or supplier shall provide an amended or new certificate of compliance for the reformulated or new package or packaging component.

SECTION __. Subsection (b) of section 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

SECTION __. Subsection (c) of said section 1 shall take effect 90 days after the effective date of this act."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fernandes, Mark and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended 245
by inserting at the end thereof the following section:-

"SECTION XX. Chapter 23J of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following section:-

Section 16. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the Massachusetts clean energy technology center a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund to be known as the Offshore Wind Pre-Development and Project Acceleration Fund. The fund shall be administered by the center, without further appropriation, exclusively to fund the state-led offshore wind pre-development and project acceleration program established pursuant to section 24 of chapter 25A.

(b) In order to accelerate project timelines, streamline the readiness of offshore wind generation projects, and reduce project risks, the fund shall be credited with an initial capitalization of not less than $10,000,000.

(c) To satisfy the funding requirement established in subsection (b), the comptroller shall transfer not less than $10,000,000 to the fund from made available pursuant to section 2EEEEEE of chapter 29.

(d) Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended by the center, in coordination with the department of energy resources, for eligible pre-development activities including, but not limited to: permitting and site assessment studies, fisheries and environmental science studies, pre-front end engineering design, transmission planning, and support for the timely utilization of regional supply chain and port infrastructure.

(e) Eligibility for monies from this fund shall be limited to offshore wind projects that can demonstrate an ability to access federal tax credits for the benefit of commonwealth ratepayers or that have signed large generator interconnection agreement with ISO-NE.

(f) Any financial arrangement executed using monies from this fund shall include a mechanism to ensure recovery of any co-investment capital provided by the commonwealth upon the project reaching commercial operation. Revenues deposited in the fund that are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the following fiscal year."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Gómez, Lewis, Driscoll and Mark, Ms. Rausch, Mr. Collins, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Eldridge, Brady and Velis, Ms. Howard and Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section:- 258

"SECTION X. Chapter 112, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 132 the following new section:-

Section 132A: (a) A provisional Licensed Social Work Associate license shall be granted to those applicants who have taken the Associates examination for a Licensed Social Work Associate license no less than two times and failed within 10 points. The provisional Licensed Social Work Associate license shall be valid for a maximum of one year. The Licensed Social Work Associate licensee shall complete professional development, supervisory and educational requirements within no less than one year. Upon completion of the provisional license requirements, the licensee shall be exempt from the Associates exam testing requirement within section 132 and granted a full license.

(b) A Licensed Social Work Associate licensee operating with a provisional license shall maintain a professional portfolio that shall include items the following:

i. Affidavits of understanding regarding the provisional licensing process and requirements;

ii. Eleven separate 3-5 page typed, double spaced papers, each one covering a separate, specific core content area of social work practice;

iii. A daily journal of the probationary licensee's activities and supervision for the probationary period;

iv. A 7-10 page typed, double spaced case analysis covering the probationary licensee's work with a typical client during the probationary period;

v. A 3-5 page typed, double spaced self-evaluation completed by the probationary licensee which includes an analysis of the licensee's professional knowledge, skills and abilities;

vi. Quarterly evaluations completed and submitted to the board by the supervisor regarding the probationary licensee's development;

vii. An evaluation of the supervisor's supervision skills completed by the probationary licensee;

viii. A notarized affidavit from the supervisor attesting to the readiness of the probationary licensee's ability to perform as a professional social worker based on the knowledge, skills and abilities observed during the supervision period.

(c) Licensees whose caseloads require proficiency in a language other than English must be allowed to submit items ii, iii, iv, v, and vii in the secondary language that they use for daily work.

(d) Any information that the Licensed Social Work Associate licensee is required to document pursuant to the requirements in subsection (b) shall be maintained as personnel records, the disclosure of which will constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and are exempt from public records law.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Gómez moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 135 by inserting after the figure "(e).", in line 1762, the following subsection:- 266

"(g) Notwithstanding the fees set forth in subsection (d), if a limited liability company is a micro business, as defined in subsection (a) of section 69 of chapter 23A, then the fee for the filing of the certificate of organization required by subsection (a) shall be $100 and the fees for the filing of the annual report required by subsection (c) shall be $200 for the first annual report and $300 for the second annual report and for each annual report filed thereafter. Such fees shall be paid to the state secretary at the time the certificate of organization or the annual report is filed."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Gómez moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section:- 267

"SECTION X. Section 25 of chapter 270 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:-

(v) a requirement that a valid permit issued by a permitting authority shall be accepted by the permitting authorities in other municipalities without a separate permit application."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Gómez and Eldridge and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following sections:- 274

"SECTION X. Chapter 62C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 53 the following section:-

Section 53A.

(a) For the purposes of this section, the term 'certified equity cannabis business' shall mean an entity licensed by the cannabis control commission and certified by the commission, pursuant to chapter 94G and regulations promulgated thereunder, as: (i) an economic empowerment priority applicant; (ii) a participant in the social equity program; or (iii) a social equity business.

(b) Notwithstanding section 53 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner shall not levy upon, seize, attach, garnish or otherwise restrain funds held in a depository account of a certified equity cannabis business for failure to pay taxes during the period established in subsection (c).

(c) The commissioner shall establish a moratorium on levies under section 53 applicable to certified equity cannabis businesses for a period of 36 months from the effective date of this section.

(d) Following the expiration of the moratorium established in subsection (c), the commissioner shall not initiate any levy under section 53 against a certified equity cannabis business unless: (i) the commissioner has provided written notice of delinquency; and (ii) the taxpayer has been afforded not less than 60 days to cure the delinquency or enter into an installment payment agreement pursuant to subsection (e).

(e) Notwithstanding section 37B, the commissioner shall offer and enter into an installment payment agreement with any certified equity cannabis business with outstanding tax liabilities, which shall: (i) provide a repayment term of not less than 5 and not more than 15 years; (ii) include interest at a rate not exceeding 2 per cent, or such lower rate as the commissioner may establish; (iii) waive all penalties accrued prior to the execution of the agreement; (iv) require payments that are reasonably calibrated to the business's revenue and cash flow, except as otherwise provided during the moratorium period established in subsection (c); and (v) prohibit levy or seizure actions under section 53 so long as the taxpayer remains in compliance with the agreement.

(f) The commissioner shall suspend or refrain from levy actions against a certified equity cannabis business upon a showing of financial hardship, including, but not limited to: (i) risk of business closure; (ii) inability to meet payroll obligations; or (iii) other material impairment to ongoing operations, as determined pursuant to standards to be promulgated by the commissioner within 90 days of the effective date of this section.

(g) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no levy under section 53 shall apply to the first $100,000 held in a depository account of a certified equity cannabis business, which amount shall be deemed necessary for ongoing operations, including payroll, rent, utilities and inventory.

(h) The commissioner shall promptly release any existing levy on the accounts of a certified equity cannabis business upon: (i) verification of eligibility under subsection (a); and (ii) entry into an installment payment agreement pursuant to subsection (e), provided that no payments shall be required under such agreement until the expiration of the moratorium established in subsection (c).

(i) The cannabis control commission shall establish a process to certify and maintain a current list of certified equity cannabis businesses and shall transmit such list to the department of revenue on at least a monthly basis for purposes of administering this section. The department shall use such certification to ensure compliance with this section.

SECTION X. Subsection (a) of section 14A of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:-

Money in the fund shall be used to make grants and loans, including no-interest loans and forgivable loans, to social equity program participants, economic empowerment priority applicants and social equity businesses certified by the cannabis control commission pursuant to chapter 94G and regulations promulgated thereunder. Money in the fund may also be used to make loans, including no-interest loans and forgivable loans, to cure outstanding tax liabilities owed to the commonwealth by such participants, applicants and businesses; to refinance or consolidate such liabilities into long-term, low-interest or no-interest obligations; and to stabilize operations necessary to maintain licensure, compliance and ongoing business operations.

SECTION X. Said section 14A of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after subsection (c) the following subsection:-

(d) The executive office of economic development, in consultation with the cannabis social equity advisory board, the cannabis control commission and the department of revenue, shall establish an application process for loans authorized in subsection (a) for the payment, refinancing or consolidation of outstanding tax liabilities owed to the commonwealth by social equity program participants, economic empowerment priority applicants and social equity businesses certified by the cannabis control commission and may administer and disburse such loans. The executive office shall examine mechanisms to consolidate such tax liabilities into long-term, low-interest or no-interest loans, including, but not limited to, interest rate buy-downs, loan guarantees, pooled repayment vehicles and partnerships with community development financial institutions, credit unions, banks, and non-traditional lenders. Not later than March 1, 2027, the executive office shall file a report with the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate detailing: (i) the design and implementation status of such application process; (ii) estimated demand for grants and loans under subsection (a); (iii) the total amount of tax liabilities addressed or projected to be addressed; (iv) any statutory or regulatory barriers to implementation; and (v) recommendations for further legislation."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Gómez moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3216 relative to One Touch Make Ready Applications. 277

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Gómez, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section:- 278

"SECTION X. Chapter 244 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 35D. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings: 'Borrower', a mortgagor of a mortgage loan.

'Creditor', a person or entity that holds or controls, partially, wholly, indirectly, directly or in a nominee capacity, a mortgage loan securing an owner-occupied residential property including, but not limited to, an originator, holder, investor, assignee, successor, trust, trustee, nominee holder, mortgage electronic registration system or mortgage servicer, including the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; provided, however, that "creditor" shall also include any servant, employee or agent of a creditor.

'Creditor's representative', a person who has the authority to negotiate and approve the terms of and modify a mortgage loan, under a servicing agreement.

'Loss mitigation', the systematic consideration of all alternatives to a foreclosure sale that will minimize losses to creditors in the mortgage loan and avoid foreclosure where possible.

'Foreclosure prevention program administrator', a government or non-profit organization designated by the attorney general to administer the Massachusetts Foreclosure Prevention Program. The administrator, together with the attorney general's office, shall promulgate rules regarding the program procedures including notices and forms, and trainings for mediators.

'Good faith', honesty in fact and the observance of reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing, required by creditors participating in foreclosure prevention conferences in evaluating borrowers for all available loss mitigation options, in compliance with all state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

'Massachusetts Foreclosure Prevention Program', the program established by this section, that provides supervised mediation conferences where parties make a good faith effort to avoid foreclosure through application of sustainable loss mitigation alternatives

'Mortgage loan', a loan to a natural person made primarily for personal, family or household purposes secured wholly or in part by a mortgage on residential property.

'Residential property', real property located in the commonwealth on which there is a dwelling with accommodations for not more than 4 separate households and occupied, or to be occupied, in whole or in part by the obligor on the mortgage debt; provided, however, that 'residential property' shall be limited to the principal residence of a person; provided further, that 'residential property' shall not include an investment property or a residence, other than a primary residence, or residential property taken in whole or in part as collateral for a commercial loan.

(b) There shall be a Massachusetts Foreclosure Prevention Program administered by an organization appointed by the Attorney General.

(c) A creditor shall, concurrently with the notice sent to the borrower of residential property under section 35A, give notice to the borrower of the borrower's right to participate in the Foreclosure Prevention Program by attaching to the right to cure default notice: (1) notice of the availability of foreclosure mediation, in such form as the Foreclosure Prevention Program Administrator prescribes; and (2) a foreclosure mediation request form, in such form as the Foreclosure Prevention Program Administrator. A borrower electing to participate in foreclosure mediation shall submit the foreclosure mediation request form to the creditor not more than 30 days after receipt of the notice.

(d) The notice shall include a check-box for the borrower to indicate election for all parties to participate in-person rather than by videoconference. Absent the borrower's election for an in-person mediation session, the sessions shall be by videoconferencing device. The mediation session shall be conducted by a neutral third-party mediator between the borrower, the borrower's representative or housing counselor and the creditor's representative, who shall have the authority to negotiate over all available loss mitigation options, including, but not limited to:

(1) a modified mortgage loan; (2) a reduction in principal; (3) a reduction in interest rate; or (4) an increase in the amortization period of the mortgage loan; provided, however, that an alternative form of meeting may be mutually agreed upon by the mortgagor, the mortgagee and the mediator.

(e) The creditor's representative shall provide, 10 days prior to the mediation session, a description of the available loss mitigation options and relevant information concerning the loan and the residential property required for a loss mitigation review, in a form to be developed by the Administrator.

(f) If a borrower elects to participate in the foreclosure mediation program, a creditor shall not accelerate the note or otherwise initiate foreclosure proceedings unless the creditor has obtained a certification from the mediator indicating that the creditor participated in the foreclosure mediation program in good faith and made all reasonable efforts to find an alternative to foreclosure and any agreement is in full compliance with all state and federal guidelines.

(g) The borrower's or creditor's rights or defenses in the foreclosure action shall not be waived by participating in the foreclosure mediation program.

(h) Nothing in this section shall require a creditor to modify a mortgage or change the terms of payment of a mortgage.

(i) Financial information confidential. Any financial statement or information provided to the parties during the course of mediation in accordance with this section is confidential and is not available for public inspection. Any financial statement or information must be made available as necessary, to the court, the attorneys whose appearances are entered in the case and the parties to the mediation. Any financial statement or information designated as confidential under this subsection must be kept separate from other papers in the case and may not be used for purposes other than mediation.

(j) Judicial enforcement. Either party may seek judicial enforcement of this section. (1) A creditor's violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute an unfair and deceptive act in commerce and a violation of chapter 93A of the General Laws. (2) The borrower may bring an action to enforce the provisions of this section, including the requirements for creditor participation in good faith, review for all available loss mitigation options, the designation of a creditor's representative, and the production of documents. The borrower may also bring an action to enforce program time frames or to require compliance with an agreement reached in the course of the mediation process.

(k) Program Funding (1) Costs. In addition to the charge currently assessed for filing a complaint under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) under chapter 57 of the acts of 1943, as amended through Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1998, the creditor shall pay a fee in an amount and manner to be determined by the attorney general upon the filing of each Servicemember case. This cost shall not be shifted to the borrower. The Administrator will deposit these funds into a segregated fund known as the 'Foreclosure Prevention Fund.' (2) Foreclosure prevention fund. (i) The funds deposited into the Foreclosure Prevention Fund shall be designated primarily for costs of administration of the Foreclosure Prevention Program and payment of mediator fees. Any remaining funds shall be applied to cover costs of administration of the program, as well as outreach directed to homeowners at risk of foreclosure or in foreclosure. (ii) The funds deposited in the Foreclosure Prevention Fund, including interest earned, shall be used solely for the purposes outlined in this section and shall not be transferred to the state's general fund. (iii) Fee shifting barred. Other than the filing fee surcharge, the parties participating in foreclosure prevention conferences shall bear their own costs for participation."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Gómez, Lewis and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by 279
inserting the following sections:-

"SECTION X. Subsection (b) of section 2 of chapter 23G of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking '9' before the word 'members,' replacing it with '12' and adding the following after the phrase 'healthcare financing':- '1 of whom shall be the executive director of the Coalition for an Equitable Economy or their designee, 1 of whom shall be a microbusiness owner, 1 of whom shall be a small business owner'.

SECTION X. Section 48 of chapter 23G of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:-

(i) The agency shall convene a growth capital advisory board to provide feedback and guidance to the agency leadership, board of directors and growth capital division to carry out this chapter that shall include the secretary of economic development or their designee, the chairs of the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies or their designees, the executive director of the agency or their designee, the directors of each agency division or their designees, the chair and at least 3 other members of the agency's board of directors, the executive director of the Coalition for an Equitable Economy or their designee, at least 3 socially or economically disadvantaged small business owners, at least 3 microbusiness owners, at least 3 small business support organization representatives and at least 3 current or former participants in programs administered by the growth capital division; provided, further, that the advisory board may establish subcommittees related to specific small business assistance programs.

(j) At least 1 small business owner, 1 microbusiness owner, 1 small business support organization representative and the executive director of the Coalition for an Equitable Economy shall serve on every working group and hiring, screening and advisory committee established by or for the agency on which other members of the agency's board of directors serve."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Mark moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section XX, the following section:- 299

"SECTION XX. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any municipality with a population of fewer than 10,000 residents and a non-professional fire department shall be permitted to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Industrial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations and BESS, which shall not apply for residential installations. The moratorium shall be in effect for up to 24 months after the date the municipality adopts a moratorium in accordance with this section, or the date on which the municipality adopts amendments to the Zoning Bylaws concerning Industrial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations and BESS, whichever occurs earlier. During the moratorium period, the municipality shall undertake a planning process to study, review, analyze, and address what revisions to the Zoning Bylaws relative to Industrial-Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations and BESS are needed or desirable to allow for and regulate such use consistent with applicable law while protecting the ecological resources, providing for local public safety preparedness, and furthering the planning goals of the municipality."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and Lewis moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:- 323

"SECTION __. Chapter 147 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 64.

(a) Except as required by federal or state law, or pursuant to a judicial warrant or court order, no officer or employee of a law enforcement agency, while acting under color of law, shall use a cell-site simulator to locate an individual for a federal civil immigration investigation. If required by federal or state law, or pursuant to a judicial warrant or court order, approval must be granted by the municipal, state, sheriffs, or authority police department where the individual resides.

For the purposes of this section the phrase 'cell-site simulator' shall mean a surveillance tool that mimic legitimate cell towers that allow nearby mobile devices to connect to them and are used to track exact locations, intercept communications, and collect unique subscriber identities."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore, Ms. Rausch and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended 325
by inserting after section __ the following section:-

"SECTION __. (a) There shall be a task force to evaluate current best practices and make recommendations to strengthen regional theatre equity. The task force shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following: (i) how to expand current available funding structures specific for local and regional theatres to provide awards based on operational needs; (ii) maintenance and operational costs of regional theatres, and regional funding gaps; (iii) how to promote community engagement; and (iv) economic drivers for local and regional theatres.

(b) The task force shall consist of the secretary of economic development, or their designee, who shall serve as chair; the executive director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, or their designee; the chairs of the joint committee on tourism, arts and cultural development, or their designees; and 5 members appointed by the Governor, 3 of whom shall be directors of local theatres, 2 of whom shall be directors of regional chambers of commerce.

(c) The task force shall submit a report of its findings, including any recommendations or proposed legislative or regulatory language necessary to carry out its recommendations, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on aging and independence not later than December 31, 2026."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Creem and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 348
3A, by adding the following item:-

"XXXX-XXXX For a work authorization assistance program to be administered by the office for refugees and immigrants, as part of its Refugee Employment Services initiative, to provide grants to organizations offering legal and other assistance to individuals applying for or renewing federal work authorization including, but not limited to, individuals who are or were authorized to work through the Temporary Protected Status or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals programs……………...………...………...………...…....$500,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore, Ms. Edwards and Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended 351
by inserting after section __ the following section:-

"SECTION __. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 40Y the following chapter:-

CHAPTER 40Z

PREVENTING ALGORITHMIC RENT FIXING IN THE RENTAL HOUSING MARKET ACT.

Section 1. This chapter shall be known as the Preventing Algorithmic Rent Fixing in the Rental Housing Market Act.

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

'Coordinate', with respect to a service provider, the:

(i) collecting of historical or contemporaneous prices, price changes, supply levels, occupancy rates or lease or rental contract termination and renewal dates of residential dwelling units;

(ii) analyzing or processing of the information described in clause (i), including with the use of a system, software or process that uses computation; and

(iii) recommending of rental prices, lease terms, occupancy levels, or other commercial term to a real estate lessor.

'Person', any natural person, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm or association.

'Predispute arbitration agreement', an agreement to arbitrate a dispute that has not yet arisen at the time of the making of the agreement.

'Predispute joint-action waiver', an agreement, whether or not part of a predispute arbitration agreement, that would prohibit or waive the right of one of the parties to participate in a joint, class or collective action in a judicial, arbitral, administrative or other forum, concerning a dispute that has not yet arisen at the time of the making of the agreement.

'Real estate lessor', any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust or unincorporated organization that owns real property and leases such property or any portion thereof in the form of a residential dwelling unit.

'Residential dwelling unit', any house, apartment, accessory unit or other unit intended to be used as a person's primary residence; provided, that 'residential dwelling unit' shall not include inpatient medical care, licensed long-term care and detention or correctional facilities.

'Service provider', any person that performs a coordination function for any real estate lessor or renter.

Section 3. (a) No real estate lessor, or any agent or subcontractor thereof, shall subscribe to, contract with or otherwise exchange anything of value in return for the services of a service provider.

(b) No service provider shall facilitate an agreement to not compete among real estate lessors with respect to residential dwelling units.

Section 4. (a) A violation of this section shall also constitute an unfair method of competition, and a violation of the provisions of chapter 93 and chapter 93A. Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the applicability of either chapter or the antitrust laws, generally.

(b) Pursuant to a motion by the plaintiff promptly made, the court may award simple interest on actual damages sustained by the plaintiff for the period beginning on the date of service of the pleading of the plaintiff setting forth a claim under this chapter and ending on the date of judgment, or for any shorter period therein.

(c) At the election of the person alleging conduct constituting a violation of this section, or the named representative of a class or in a collective action alleging such conduct, no predispute arbitration agreement or predispute joint-action waiver shall be valid or enforceable with respect to a case which is filed under federal, tribal or state or local law and relates to a violation of this chapter.

(d) In the case of any successful action to enforce liability pursuant to this chapter, the costs of the action together with reasonable attorney fees, expert fees and the costs of investigation as determined by the court shall be awarded to plaintiffs. Costs and attorney fees, expert fees and the costs of investigation shall be awarded to the attorney general or municipality where the attorney general or municipality successfully enforces this chapter.

Section 5. In a civil action filed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 93, a complaint:

(i) plausibly pleads a violation of chapter 93A if the complaint contains factual allegations demonstrating that the existence of a contract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce is among the realm of plausible possibilities; and

(ii) need not allege facts tending to exclude the possibility of independent action."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Howard and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section:- 352

"SECTION XX. Chapter 23B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 35 the following 2 sections:-

Section 35A. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:-

'Secretary', the secretary of housing and livable communities.

'Program', the veteran rental assistance bridge program.

(b) The secretary, in consultation with the secretary of veterans' services, shall establish a veteran rental assistance bridge program to assist veterans experiencing: (i) increased housing rents; (ii) living on fixed incomes, disability compensation or modest wages; (iii) long wait times for receiving approved veteran federal housing vouchers; and (iv) eviction or homelessness in the commonwealth.

(c) Eligibility for the program shall include veterans: (i) approved for a veteran federal housing voucher but are waiting for issuance or lease-up; (ii) at imminent risk of eviction; (iii) experiencing a sudden loss of income; and (iv) transitioning from homelessness or institutional settings.

(d)(1) The program shall provide assistance in addressing obstacles to maintaining or securing rental assistance for veterans and their families for housing with a household income: (i) not more than 30 per cent of area median income who are homeless and moving into subsidized or private housing or are at risk of becoming homeless; or (ii) more than 30 per cent but not more than 50 per cent of area median income who are homeless and moving into subsidized or private housing or are at risk of becoming homeless due to a significant reduction of income or increased expenses.

(2) The program shall be administered by the local housing authorities in the city or town, in consultation with the veteran service officer in the city or town.

(3) The program shall provide: (i) up to 24 months of temporary rental assistance; (ii) a security deposit for a rental property; (iii) rental coverage for the first and last month rent for the rental property; and (iv) flexible rental support to prevent eviction.

(e) The secretary shall coordinate with: (i) local veteran service officers; (ii) the housing court department pursuant to chapter 185C; (iii) local housing continuums of care; and (iv) emergency shelters in the commonwealth to best implement the program.

(f) The secretary shall establish for the program a designation to prioritize veterans who are at risk of homelessness. Upon designation of a veteran as being at risk of homelessness, the secretary shall: (i) expedite a rental assistance review of the veteran; (ii) require mandatory mediation before the eviction of the veteran when possible; and (iii) rapidly refer the veteran to stabilization services.

(g) Qualified nonprofit organizations as defined in section 35 that have contracted with the secretary to establish veterans' supportive housing pursuant to said section 35 shall receive increased funding, prioritizing gateway cities and regions in the commonwealth with high veteran housing instability, for: (i) developing additional veteran-designated supportive housing units; (ii) veteran case management services; (iii) mental health support for veterans and their families; (iv) veteran employment services; and (v) substance use recovery support for veterans.

(h) The secretary, in consultation with the secretary of veterans' services, shall prepare an annual report on the costs and outcomes of the program including a comparison of the costs of homelessness prevention to emergency shelter, hospital stays and long-term instability. The annual report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the current status of veteran homelessness in the commonwealth; (ii) wait times for veteran federal housing voucher activation for veterans' housing; and (iii) cost savings from prevention versus emergency shelter placement. The annual report shall be submitted, not later than December

31 of each year of the program, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the chairs of the joint committee on veterans and federal affairs and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate.

(i) The secretary, in consultation with the secretary of veterans' services, shall promulgate rules or regulations for the administration of the program.

Section 35B. (a) There shall be within the executive office of housing and livable communities a Veteran Rental Assistance Bridge Program Fund. The fund shall be credited with: (i) revenue from appropriations or other money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) interest earned on such revenue; and (iii) funds from public and private sources and other gifts, grants and donations to encourage philanthropic partnerships for the veterans' housing, including, but not limited to, funds from governmental, quasi-governmental, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations and individuals. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation and any money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

(b) The secretary of housing and livable communities shall administer the fund consistent with the requirements of the veteran rental assistance bridge program established in section 35A.

(c) Annually, not later than June 30, the secretary of housing and livable communities shall report on all expenditures from the Veteran Rental Assistance Bridge Program Fund to: (i) the chairs of the joint committee on housing: (ii) the chairs of the joint committee on veterans and federal affairs; (iii) the house and senate committees on ways and means; and (iv) the clerks of the house of representatives and senate."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Gómez moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further that not less than $200,000 total shall be expended to Valley Eye Radio, Audible Local Ledger, Lowell Association for the Blind, Audio Journal, and UCP of Western Massachusetts for studio upgrades to support radio reading services for the blind and visually impaired"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "300,000". 377

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Gómez and Lewis, Ms. Edwards and Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Massachusetts Chapter (CAIR-MA, INC) to provide litigation support and legal assistance for indigent victims of religious harassment and discrimination"; and by striking the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$300,000". 378

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by inserting after the word "grants" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended to the City of Lowell for use from Market Street to French Street on the Merrimack Canal for open space and economic development opportunities in the city of Lowell"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,600,000". 380

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Feeney and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:- 382

"SECTION __. There shall be established within the highway division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, a litter prevention and cleanup task force. The task force shall consist of: the secretary of transportation or a designee, who shall serve as chair, the executive director of the Massachusetts office of travel and tourism or a designee, the secretary of public safety and security or a designee, the secretary of energy and environmental affairs or a designee and the executive director of Keep Massachusetts Beautiful, Inc.

The task force shall: (i) create a consistent, memorable, Massachusetts-themed anti-littering slogan and branding, and shall develop a litter prevention advertising campaign suitable for use across multiple platforms including, but not limited to, television and radio broadcast, print, social media, state-controlled messaging boards, billboards and signs; and (ii) conduct an analysis on the annual costs associated with the cleanup of highway and roadside litter, the funding sources currently used for litter cleanup and the areas most impacted by litter; provided however, that in conducting its work, the task force shall consider the current enforcement and fine statutes and regulations related to littering in the commonwealth.

The task force shall issue a report with recommendations on: (i) potential funding needed for litter cleanup along our highways and roadsides; (ii) litter enforcement among motorists and vehicles with improperly covered loads, including but not limited to, best practices for law enforcement; (iii) whether additional funding is needed for enforcement; and (iv) whether the current fine structure is adequate. The report shall be filed with the governor, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the joint committee on transportation, the joint committee on tourism, arts and cultural development and the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture not later than December 31, 2027."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Comerford and Messrs. Cyr, Driscoll, Lewis, Keenan and Feeney moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 9 the following section:-

"SECTION 9A. Said chapter 23B is hereby further amended by adding the following section:-

Section 37. (a) The executive office of housing and livable communities shall establish a training program for members of local planning boards, special permit granting authorities and zoning boards of appeals to provide education and self-evaluation. The training program shall be an annual training that is offered at no cost to municipalities. In developing the training program, the executive office shall consult with the Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors, Inc., the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies, the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association, Inc. and the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative. The training program shall cover: (i) special permits; (ii) subdivision control; (iii) variances; (iv) fair housing; and (v) any other laws that govern the role and responsibility of the local planning board. To the extent practicable, the training programs shall be offered online and in various locations throughout the commonwealth, at various times of the year.

(b) Each member of a local planning board, special permit granting authority and zoning board of appeals shall, not later than 60 days after becoming a board member, and every 2 years thereafter, complete the training program. Each member shall, upon completion of the training program, provide notice to the town or city clerk and such notice shall be retained for 6 years."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following section:-

"SECTION ___. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, each electric distribution company may file a petition with the department of public utilities for approval of electric power system infrastructure investments designed to proactively accommodate any additional projected future capacity needs of businesses constructing new buildings in the commonwealth in order to promote economic development in the commonwealth. Such additional distribution infrastructure investments shall be developed in consultation with the executive office of economic development and be designed to accelerate economic development and opportunities by enabling projected capacity needs of economic development projects, including increased demand associated with heating and cooling electrification and hosting capacity for distributed energy resources. Each such additional distribution infrastructure investment shall be treated as small clean transmission and distribution infrastructure facilities as defined in chapter 25A of the General Laws.

A petition filed with the department of public utilities pursuant to this section shall include: (a) a description of the methodology used to identify projected capacity of economic development projects; (b) identify the proposed proactive improvements to the transmission or distribution system to facilitate economic development; (c) a timeline for construction of the transmission and distribution investments, (d) an evaluation of the projected costs and benefits of the investments; and (e) a letter of support from the secretary of economic development.

The department shall approve, with modifications or reject the petition within 9 months of submittal. In order to be approved, the department must find that the costs are reasonable compared to the projected economic benefits. Approval of the petition shall be considered pre-authorization of the proposed investments and the Department shall not revisit whether the electric distribution company should have proceeded with the investments as proposed.

An electric distribution company shall then be permitted to begin recovery of the estimated costs of the proactive investments following approval through a dedicated cost recovery mechanism. The cost recovery mechanism shall be designed to collect any revenue requirement, including depreciation, property taxes and return associated with the proactive investments.

Following construction of the infrastructure investments, the electric distribution company shall file final project documentation to demonstrate that infrastructure costs were reasonably and prudently incurred. The department shall investigate the costs within six months of submission and shall approve and reconcile the authorized rate factor, if necessary, upon a determination that the costs were reasonable and prudent.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Cyr, Ms. Edwards and Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended 408
by adding the following section:-

“SECTION X. (a) For the purposes of this section, ‘kratom’ shall mean a product intended for human consumption containing any part of the leaf of the Mitragyna speciosa plant, or a kratom extract, manufactured as a food, powder, capsule, pill, beverage or other edible product including any material, compound, mixture or preparation containing kratom.

(b) The department of public health shall conduct a study of kratom use and consider the regulation of kratom in Massachusetts.

(c) The study shall investigate and evaluate:

(1) the public health impacts of kratom consumption, including potential risks of dependency, toxicity, and interactions with other substances;

(2) the current market availability, methods of commercial sale, and target demographics of kratom consumers within the commonwealth; and,

(4) regulatory models implemented by other states; and,

(5) existing and emerging federal policies, guidelines, and legal frameworks governing kratom and its constituent alkaloids, including but not limited to, public health advisories or import alerts issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration, and temporary or permanent scheduling actions taken by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration regarding 7-hydroxymitragynine or synthetic derivatives under the federal Controlled Substances Act.

(d) The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including recommendations as to the advisability and efficacy of establishing a consumer protection regulatory structure, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the joint committee on public health, no later than December 31, 2027."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Keenan and Lewis and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section:- 433

"SECTION XX. Chapter 117A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10 the following new section:-

Section 11. Effective July first of every year, the department shall increase the total budget of each eligible recipient, before taking into consideration any available income and resources, by a percentage amount equal to the percentage rise in the United States Consumer Price Index for January first of that year over the level of said index for January first of the previous year plus such additional percentage amount as is recommended annually by the department and appropriated by the general court. The department shall promulgate such rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

Section 12. The department shall set the maximum benefit for the program in this chapter at the same level as the program in chapter 118 of the General Laws. The department shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Jehlen and Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following new section:- 434

"SECTION XX. Section 2 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026 is hereby amended, in item 7004-0107, in the phrase '(i) age 60 or older residing in the city of Somerville,' by striking the figure '60' and inserting in place thereof the figure:- '55'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following sections:- 435

"SECTION XX. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of health and human services shall, not later than 90 days after the effective date of this act, pursue and submit applications for new state plan amendments, state plan options or state plan waiver or demonstration requests for federal approval that will establish an assisted living service to allow individuals qualifying for Medicaid and at risk of entering a nursing home to reside in a certified assisted living residence; provided, however, that the average daily rate developed for such service, when combined with the average daily benefit assistance provided by the Supplemental Security Income program inclusive of the state supplementary payment program authorized under section 131 of chapter 6 of the General Laws and chapter 118A of the General Laws, shall not exceed 80 per cent of the cost of substantially similar institutional care for the equivalent waiver year as demonstrated by the Factor G value of Appendix J of the current MassHealth frail elder home and community-based services waiver, 0059.R08.00; provided further, that MassHealth shall implement a rate schedule for such assisted living service that uses disproportionate share payment methodologies to ensure equal economic access to the assisted living care setting for long-term care services and supports when measured with consideration for the level of access that MassHealth members have for institutional services.

SECTION XX. The executive office of health and human services shall, not later than 120 days after the effective date of this act, report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the status of submitted and pending applications described in section 1 and the projected fiscal impact to the commonwealth of federal approval for such applications. The report shall include, but not be limited to, comment on the deliberations and decisions regarding: (i) amending the current MassHealth frail elder waiver to include assisted living services as a new waiver service in a manner comparable to how the District of Columbia Medicaid program has delivered services to members residing in assisted living settings; (ii) implementing a new home and community-based services waiver under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act for the sole purpose of establishing assisted living services as an option for MassHealth members in a manner comparable to how the Ohio Medicaid program has delivered services to members residing in assisted living settings; and (iii) enabling assisted living as a setting of choice for MassHealth members participating in managed care programs with reference to 'in lieu of services and setting' authority as enabled by 42 C.F.R. 435.3(e)(2) in a manner comparable to how the California Medicaid program has delivered services to members residing in assisted living settings.

SECTION XX. The executive office of aging and independence shall, not later than 180 days after the effective date of this act, report to the joint committee on elder affairs on the current structural, organizational or cultural barriers that are experienced by MassHealth members and such members' potential to reside at an assisted living residence that is located within their community. The report shall include, but not be limited to, particular consideration of residents within qualified census tracts or difficult development areas and such residents' ability and likelihood to access assisted living residences in comparison to their ability and likelihood to access nursing facility services."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Feeney moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following sections:- 443

"SECTION __. Section 7 of chapter 16 of the acts of 1999 is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (1) the following paragraph:-

(1 ½) There shall be a regional economic development fund to be known as the Route 1 Stadium Area Economic Development and Infrastructure Fund, to be administered by the town of Foxborough for the purposes of promoting economic development and infrastructure improvements along the Route 1 corridor and adjacent neighborhoods in the towns of Sharon, Walpole, Wrentham and Foxborough. There shall be credited to the fund: (i) any funds that may be appropriated or transferred for deposit into the fund; (ii) any revenue derived from the parking fees collected pursuant to paragraph (2); and (iii) all other amounts credited or transferred into the fund from any other source; provided, however, that amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to appropriation. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

SECTION __. Paragraph (2) of said section 7 of said chapter 16 of the acts of 1999 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'returned to the commonwealth for deposit in the general fund' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 'transferred to the Route 1 Stadium Area Economic Development and Infrastructure Fund established under paragraph (1½)'.

SECTION __. Said paragraph (2) of said section 7 of said chapter 16 of the acts of 1999 is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence:- Notwithstanding section 8 of this act or any other general or special law to the contrary, the annual aggregate amount of the administrative parking fees to be collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be reduced in accordance with the following schedule: by 20 per cent in 2027; by 40 per cent in 2028; by 60 per cent in 2029; by 80 per cent in 2030; and by 100 per cent in 2031."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Cyr, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Lewis, Mark, Oliveira, Payano and Gómez, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Creem, Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following sections:- 457

"SECTION X. Section 13 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (c) the following subsections:-

(d) The department shall regularly review fees and fines assessed under the Pay By Plate and EZDriveMA Systems, as defined in 700 CMR 11.02. At least once a month the department shall identify persons owing tolls, fines, fees or other debts of $50 or more. The department shall attempt to make contact with these account holders using all possible means to let them know their account status and to explain actions they can take to address their account balances. These efforts shall include, but are not limited to, comparing address information on file with the national change of address registry, communicating with the account holder by email or text, and calling the account holder by mobile and home phone.

(e) Any individual owing tolls, fines, fees, or penalties under the Pay By Plate or EZDriveMA Systems, as defined in 700 CMR 11.02, may request a payment plan for financial hardship. Under this plan, the minimum monthly payment due shall be $25, unless such amount exceeds 2% of the individual's non-exempt monthly net income, in which case the monthly payment shall not exceed this threshold. Individuals may submit a declaration to establish their income. The department may accept automatic monthly payments by credit or debit card on file with the department or payments made by check or money order received by mail or in person. License suspension, license nonrenewal, and registration suspension shall not be imposed as a penalty for default.

SECTION X. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out sections 20G and 20H and inserting in place thereof the following sections:-

Section 20G. If a person fails to appear in accordance with a notice to appear issued pursuant to a Massachusetts Department of Transportation regulation or fails to pay in a timely manner a violation issued pursuant to such regulations after having received notice thereof, the department shall notify the registrar who shall place the matter on record and shall not renew the registrations of any vehicles owned by such person until the matter has been disposed of in accordance with applicable law or regulation. The liability of lessors of motor vehicles for violations on facilities owned by the department shall be governed by department regulations in a manner consistent with the provisions of section 20E. The registrar shall prescribe the manner, form and content of any notice received from the department to take such action.

Section 20H. If a person fails to appear in accordance with a notice to appear issued for a failure to pay or prepay the required toll on the Tobin Bridge, pursuant to a Massachusetts Department of Transportation regulation or fails to pay in a timely manner a fine issued pursuant to such regulations after having received notice thereof, the department shall notify the registrar, who shall place the matter on the record and shall not renew the registration of any vehicle owned by the person until the matter has been disposed of in accordance with applicable law or regulation. The registrar shall prescribe the manner, form and content of any notice received from the department to take such action.

SECTION X. Clause (6) of subsection (A) of section 3 of chapter 90C is hereby amended by striking out subpart (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subpart:-

(a) If a violator fails either to pay the full amount of the scheduled assessment to the registrar or to request a noncriminal hearing within 20 days of the date of the citation plus such grace period as the registrar shall allow, or fails to appear for a noncriminal hearing before a magistrate or a justice at the time required after having been given notice of such hearing either personally or by first class mail directed to such violator's mail address as reported to the registrar and after notice of such failure has been given to the registrar by the clerk-magistrate, the registrar shall notify such violator by first class mail directed to such violator's mail address that unless and until the violator pays to the registrar the full amount of the scheduled or imposed assessments for such civil motor vehicle infractions, plus any late or other administrative fees provided for by law or regulation, any registration of a motor vehicle issued to such violator by the registrar shall not be renewed upon or after the expiration date of such registration, unless such fees are waived in whole or in part by the registrar.

SECTION X Section 2A of chapter 211D is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence of subsection (h).

SECTION X. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, within 90 days of the effective date of this Act, the registrar of motor vehicles shall reinstate all licenses, privileges to operate a motor vehicle, and registrations no longer subject to suspension, nonrenewal, or revocation after passage of this Act. The registrar shall notify such individuals by first class mail of such reinstatement, along with an account of any unpaid assessments, and instructions on how to pay such assessments."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rush, Ms. Rausch and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended 462
in Section 3A, by inserting after item 7002-8087 the following item:-

"7002-8088 For the executive office of labor and workforce development for a grant program to support commonwealth-based employers in assisting current or former employees who were authorized to work pursuant to the federal Temporary Protected Status program to obtain alternate work authorization in a manner consistent with federal law; provided , that grants shall be awarded in a manner that prioritizes current or former employees with experience in high-demand or difficult to staff occupations, including but not limited to health care and related fields; provided further, that grants shall be awarded in a manner that prioritizes geographic areas in which it is most difficult for employers to find adequate numbers of employees in said high-demand or difficult to staff occupations; and provided further, that not later than April 1, 2027, the secretary of labor and workforce development shall produce a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, which shall include all grants awarded, including the amounts of the grants, along with the secretary's analysis of the impact of the grants on the ability of employees to fill high-demand or difficult to staff occupations and recommendations regarding the advisability of continuing the program along with recommendations regarding the implementation thereof ………$500,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rush, Ms. Rausch and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended 463
by adding the following section:-

"SECTION XX. Chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17 the following section:-

Section 18. SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR TEACHERS PROGRAM

(1) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

'Authorized ecommerce vendor' means an ecommerce vendor that has been approved by the Executive Office of Education.

'Ecommerce' means a commercial transaction, which may include the transmission of funds or data or both, conducted electronically via the internet.

'Eligible teacher' means a teacher employed in good standing at a public school in this Commonwealth pursuant to a school year contract and who has the primary responsibility of providing classroom instruction to students for not less than 60 percent of each school day on average, measured weekly.

'School Supplies for Teachers Program' or 'program' means the program established pursuant to this part to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible teachers who purchase school supplies online as provided in this part.

'User' means an eligible teacher who is certified by a participating local school system or public school as eligible to participate in the program and who has a user account.

'User account' means the unique platform account.

(2) The School Supplies for Teachers Program is established to provide financial and technical assistance to teachers who purchase school supplies online

(3) The requirements of this part shall be subject to appropriation of funds by the General Court or the availability of other funds for such purpose.

(4) The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall:

(a) Establish a program to allocate funds for eligible teachers to be used at the discretion of such teachers for the online purchase of school supplies as provided herein;

(b) Establish such policies, rules, and regulations as necessary for the implementation; and

(c) Identify one or more authorized software services providers to offer and support a user-friendly online ecommerce platform that:

(i) Processes the allocation of funds to the user accounts of eligible teachers for the online purchase of school supplies from authorized ecommerce vendors; and

(ii) Includes appropriate fiscal management and payment systems and reporting and training tools, as required by the Executive Office of Education.

(d) Ensure that purchases using program funds are restricted to online purchases of school supplies from authorized ecommerce vendors;

(e) Promulgate guidelines and provide technical assistance to facilitate local school systems, public schools, and teachers utilizing the program and to ensure program purchases are restricted to allowable expenses; and

(f) Establish processes as necessary for the implementation of the program consistent with the policies, rules, and regulations of the Executive Office of Education.

(5) Each local school system or public school shall certify, as required by the Department Elementary and Secondary Education, the eligibility of each teacher employed by such local school system or public school who requests a user account; provided, that to be eligible for a user account a teacher shall be employed in good standing at a public school pursuant to a school year contract and have the primary responsibility of providing classroom instruction to students not less than 60 percent of each school day on average, measured weekly."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Feeney moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ 464
the following section:-

"SECTION __. There shall be an interagency task force to review and investigate financial scams across the commonwealth.

The task force shall consist of 21 members: 3 members who shall be appointed by the senate president, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair; 1 of whom shall be financial professional with expertise in financial scams; 1 member who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 3 members who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair; 1 of whom shall be an attorney trained representing consumers affected by financial scams; 1 member who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; the attorney general or their designee; the secretary of state of the commonwealth or their designee; the state treasurer or their designee; the commissioner of the division of banks or their designee; the secretary of labor and workforce development or their designee; the secretary of elder affairs or their designee; the secretary of public safety and security or their designee; the secretary of technology services and security or their designee; the commissioner of MassAbility or their designee; the president of the Massachusetts Bankers Association, Inc. or their designee; the president of the Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc. or their designee; the executive director of MASSPIRG or their designee; and the state director of AARP Massachusetts or their designee.

The task force shall: (i) gather and review information regarding known types of financial scams; (ii) identify the sources of financial scams that pose the greatest risk to residents of the commonwealth; (iii) identify significant data gaps in the knowledge of financial scams and develop recommendations to address the gaps; (iv) identify segments of the population who may be at greater risk to be victimized by financial scams; (v) identify opportunities for public education regarding financial scams and their effects on consumers; (vi) examine the benefits and burdens of existing relief under current law from financial scams; (vii) assess how state agencies can most effectively use their existing authority and resources to reduce or eliminate financial scams; (viii) examine available data on financial scams and determine whether further examination is warranted; (ix) examine additional tools or resources law enforcement or state agencies require to identify, track, and response to financial scams; and (x) examine ways to limit exposure of Massachusetts residents to, and eliminate, financial scams.

The task force shall file a report of its findings and recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives and the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on financial services not later than 1 year of the implementation date of this act."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rush and Ms. Rausch moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 467
3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to create a pilot program to fund a School Supplies for Teacher Program as established under section XX of this act"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following 469
section:-

"SECTION XX. Section 31A of chapter 63 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 109, the word 'three' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- '6'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following 470
sections:-

"SECTION 1. Section 81 of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 13 by inserting the following after the words 'twenty-two.':- 'Direct supervision' for the purpose of work on a fire protection sprinkler system shall mean the physical on-site presence with the assigned apprentice and their supervising journeyman or fire protection sprinkler contractor.

SECTION 2. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 2 by striking the word 'his' and inserting in place thereof the following:- 'their'.

SECTION 3. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 4 by striking the word 'he' and inserting in place thereof the following:- 'they'.

SECTION 4. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 6 by striking the word 'his' and inserting in place thereof the following:- 'their'.

SECTION 5. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 7 by striking the word ‘he is’ and inserting in place thereof the following:- ‘they are’.

SECTION 6. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 7 by striking the word ‘his’ and inserting in place thereof the following:- ‘their’.

SECTION 7. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 8 by striking the word ‘his’ and inserting in place thereof the following:- ‘their’

SECTION 8. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 10 by striking the word ‘him’ and inserting in place thereof the following:- ‘them’.

SECTION 9. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 14 after the word ‘fitter.’ the following:- ‘Direct supervision’ for the purposes of this section shall mean the physical on-site presence with the assigned apprentice and their supervising journeyman or fire protection sprinkler contractor while conducting work on a fire protection sprinkler system.

SECTION 10. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the following in lines 14-16:- ‘A fire protection sprinkler contractor may employ one or more apprentices but not more than one apprentice may be so employed for each journeyman sprinkler fitter.’

SECTION 11. Section 85A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 14 after the word ‘fitter.’ the following:- ‘The ratio permitted shall be one licensed journeyman sprinkler fitter or fire protection sprinkler contractor for every apprentice sprinkler fitter on the jobsite.’

SECTION 12. Section 89 of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 4 after the word ‘eighty-one’ by inserting the following:- ‘including sections eighty-four through eighty-six,’.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Rush moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 476
8087, by adding the following words:- “that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for repairs at Joyce Kilmer Lower School in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$5,100,000”.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Barrett, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Driscoll and Keenan, Ms. Rausch, Mr. Eldridge, 484
Ms. Jehlen and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:-

“SECTION _. Section 93 of chapter 143 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following definitions after the fifth paragraph:-

‘Universal changing station’, an adult sized changing table designed to hold at least 350lbs that is located within an enclosed restroom facility that is for use by persons of any age who require assistance with diapering and is accessible by persons of any sex.

‘State owned and maintained’, a building with a public bathroom belonging to, funded by, and controlled by the commonwealth of Massachusetts, its political subdivisions, and its public authorities and other public instrumentalities.

SECTION _. Said section 93 of said chapter 143 is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph after the definitions:- Any state owned and maintained public building or place of public accommodation containing a public toilet room that is newly constructed, reconstructed or remodeled on or after January 1, 2027 shall install and maintain at least one universal changing station. The bathroom shall be conspicuously marked as containing a public universal size changing table. The changing table shall be capable of supporting a minimum of 350 pounds and providing a changing surface of 70 inches minimum in length and 30 inches minimum in width. The changing surface height shall be adjustable at variable heights from 17 inches minimum to 38 inches maximum above the floor as measured to the top of the changing surface.

SECTION _. Said section 93 of said chapter 143 is hereby further amended by adding the following after the sixth paragraph:- The board shall adopt regulations regarding the requirement that any state owned and maintained public building that is newly constructed, reconstructed or remodeled on or after January 1, 2027 install and maintain at least one universal changing station.

(a) The regulations adopted by the board shall be aligned with the specifications determined in the 2024 International Building Code (IBC) section 1110.4, Adult Changing Stations and the International Code Council A117.1 Supplement 1: Standard for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities; Section 613: Adult Changing Stations. These include but are not limited to:

(1) a requirement that the entrance to each universal changing station has conspicuous signage indicating the location of the station;

(2) a requirement that if a public building has a central directory, said central directory must indicate the location of the universal changing station;

(3) a requirement for signage indicating the weight capacity and instructions for operation of the changing station within the room;

(4) a requirement that all universal changing stations shall:

(A) be equipped with a height-adjustable changing table capable of supporting a minimum of 350 pounds and providing a changing surface of 70 inches minimum in length and 30 inches minimum in width. The changing surface height shall be adjustable at variable heights from 17 inches minimum to 38 inches maximum above the floor as measured to the top of the changing surface;

(B) provide safety features of sidebar rails and safety belts;

(C) be located inside a private restroom or in a private stall, enclosed area or privacy screen within a multi-stall restroom;

(D) provide adequate space for assistance, following the IBC guidelines for end and side clearance; and

(E) comply with all requirements of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act;

(5) any other issues regarding implementation that the board deems appropriate.

(b) If the board determines that the inclusion of a wall mounted, adjustable height universal changing table is not feasible or would destroy historic significance of a historic property, the board may allow instead for the placement of a freestanding, mobile, height-adjustable universal changing table.

(c) The board may grant an exemption from the requirements of this section if it determines:

(1) the installation would create a condition that does not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards for access for persons with disabilities.

(2) the cost of the proposed reconstruction or remodeling without the inclusion of a changing table does not exceed $10,000."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Feeney, Ms. Rausch and Messrs. Tarr, O'Connor and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following sections:- 522

"SECTION __. Chapter 40S of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended in section 1 by striking out the definitions of 'New smart growth development' and 'Smart growth zoning district' and inserting in place thereof the following:-

'Addressing Barriers to Construction of Missing-Middle Starter Home', any new residential or commercial development, including the substantial redevelopment of existing buildings, subject to the payment of local property taxes that: (a) occurs in a smart growth or starter home zoning district after the adoption of such zoning by the community, and (b) is permitted under the provisions of the smart growth or starter home zoning district. A redevelopment shall be considered substantial if its cost exceeds 50 per cent of the building's pre-renovation assessed value or if it constitutes a change in use from nonresidential to residential.

'Smart growth zoning district', a zoning district adopted by a community and approved by the department of housing and community development which is eligible, and which remains eligible for density bonus payments under chapter 40R including without limitation smart growth zoning districts as defined in section 1 of chapter 40R and starter home zoning districts as defined in section 1 of said chapter 40Y.

SECTION __. Chapter 40Y of the General Laws are hereby amended by inserting the following section:-

Section 9. Addressing Barriers to Production of Missing-Middle Starter Homes.

(a) There shall be a special commission to study barriers to starter home development and production as defined under section 1 of chapter 40Y.

(b) The commission shall investigate: (i) barriers to starter home construction in the commonwealth; (ii) existing zoning to determine opportunities for starter home zoning districts; (iii) availability of technical assistance for starter home production; (iv) feasibility of constructing starter home lots; (v) resources needed to remove barriers to starter home production; (vi) developer costs associated with the development and construction of starter home lots and units; (vii) buyer costs associated with the purchase, maintenance and sale of a starter home unit or lot ; and (viii) additional funding needed to support construction and zoning of starter home units and lots.

(c) The commission shall consist of: the secretary of housing and livable communities or a designee, who shall serve as chair of the commission; the secretary of labor and workforce development or a designee; the chairs of the joint committee on housing; 1 member appointed by the senate president who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; the president of the Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Massachusetts or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association or a designee; the chair of the Three Rivers Interlocal Council or a designee; the president of the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance or a designee; the president of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts or a designee; the chief executive officer of the Citizens' Housing And Planning Association or a designee; the executive director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council or a designee; the chair of the Rural Policy Advisory Commission or a designee; the president of the Massachusetts Building Trades Council or a designee.

(d) The commission shall file a report of its findings and its recommendations for proposed programs or legislation, if any, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the joint committee on housing not later than December 1, 2025.

SECTION __. Chapter 40Y of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

Section 10. Starter Home Pilot Program.

(a) The executive office of housing and livable communities shall establish a pilot program consisting of three municipalities to incentivize the growth of Starter Home Zoning Districts, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 40Y of the General Laws.

(b) The executive office of housing and livable communities shall provide technical assistance to the municipalities to determine the feasibility, implementation mechanisms, and available funding for establishing Starter Home Zoning Districts.

(c) The executive office of housing and livable communities shall issue a request for information to determine the available lots per municipality, including, but not limited to, available areas for development of starter homes.

(d) The executive office of housing and livable communities shall issue a request for information for developers interested in building starter homes pursuant to chapter 40Y, including, but not limited to, the construction cost per starter home.

(e) The executive office of housing and livable communities shall, based on the results of subsection (c) and subsection (d), develop reimbursement schedules for each municipality and developer who successful zones and produces new starter homes under this section.

(f) The executive office of housing and livable communities shall provide technical assistance to municipalities and developers to ensure the successful construction of starter homes.

(g) The executive office of housing and livable communities shall report, to the Clerk of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Housing, on a quarterly basis, the number of Starter Home Zoning Districts that have been established in the municipalities enrolled in the pilot program."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Feeney and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section __ the following section:- 529

"SECTION __. Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 34B and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 34B. A distribution company or a telephone company engaging in the removal of an existing pole and the installation of a new pole in place thereof shall complete the transfer of wires, all repairs and the removal of the existing pole from the site within 180 days from the date of installation of the new pole; provided, however, that for any approved commercial or industrial construction project, the completion of which is expected to take longer than 1 year, said company shall be required to remove such pole within 180 days from the date of installation of the new pole. The owner of such pole shall notify all other users of the starting date of such removal and installation work at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of such work, and said owner shall require all other users to remove their wiring and other attachments from the poles in a timely manner.

The department of public utilities and the department of telecommunications and cable may promulgate regulations allowing such distribution company or telephone company to move the attachments, as defined in section 25A of chapter 166, of other users. Relevant line worker, electrical, distribution company and telephone company labor unions shall be made a party to any rulemaking related to such regulations. A city or town may enforce this section by the enactment of a local ordinance or bylaw prohibiting double poles beyond the 180 days, as the case may be, as authorized by this section, the violation of which may be punishable by a fine to be imposed on the owner of such double poles not to exceed a maximum of $1,000 per occurrence."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Montigny, O'Connor and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following sections:- 534

"SECTION __. Section 2 of chapter 90 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'are veterans, as defined in clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4' the following words:- ', section 1 of chapter 115, or who is eligible for the annuity provided under section 6C of said chapter 115'.

SECTION __. Said section 2 of chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 466 through 469, inclusive, the sentence:- 'There shall be an annual $20 fee for such 'VETERAN' plates in addition to the established registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles.'; and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- 'Any such 'VETERAN' plate shall be issued without fee other than the established registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles.'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fernandes, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Mark and O'Connor and Ms. Jehlen moved that 535
the proposed new text be amended by striking section 1 in its entirety; and in item 1596-7066, by striking the item in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

"1596-7066 Notwithstanding section 2EEEEEE of chapter 29 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of administration and finance shall expend $200,000,000 from the Commonwealth Federal Matching, Fiscal Resilience and Debt Reduction Fund established in said section 2EEEEEE of said chapter 29, in consultation with the executive office of education, the executive office of labor and workforce development and the executive office of economic development, for a bridge funding reserve to support institutions of higher education in the commonwealth; provided, that $175,000,000 shall be expended to support public institutions of higher education in the commonwealth; provided further, that $25,000,000 shall be expended to support private institutions of higher education in the commonwealth that are nonprofit organizations; provided further, that said funds shall to enable public and private institutions of higher education in the commonwealth to: (i) adapt to federal funding uncertainty or for the loss or diminishment of federal research funding; (ii) encourage advancement of scientific research, enhance employment opportunities and talent development; and (iii) enable participation in partnerships and joint ventures related to research and innovation; provided, that the funds shall be administered by the executive office for administration and finance, in consultation with the executive office of education, the executive office of labor and workforce development and the executive office of economic development; provided further, that funds may be expended as flexible funding support for public and private institutions of higher education in the commonwealth to fund direct and indirect costs of research to retain talent and preserve the pace of scientific discovery in the commonwealth; provided further, that funds may be expended as a talent retention and extension reserve to fund positions in research and teaching, including graduate, post doctorate and other early career research professionals, that would otherwise be unfunded due to reductions in federal indirect rates and to build a bridge to future funding levels and sources; provided further, that funds may be expended for research opportunities, partnerships and joint ventures to support research activity and employment and advance innovation and opportunity in the commonwealth, including considerations of regional impact and geographic equity, including, but not limited to, opportunities related to advanced manufacturing and technology, agricultural science and technology, bioengineering and life sciences, civil engineering and advanced construction materials, climate and environmental science, ecology, education and child development, electronics, energy, fisheries and wildlife science and management, forestry science and management, marine science and technology, medical science and technology, meteorology and atmospheric science, nursing science, public health and applied health sciences and robotics; provided further, that the executive office for administration and finance shall submit quarterly reports to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing expenditures under this section and said sums shall be made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028; and provided further, that the secretary of administration and finance may transfer funds from this item to other items as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section……………..…………………………..$200,000,000"

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fernandes, Cyr and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended 536
by inserting at the end thereof the following section:-

"SECTION X. The Secretary of Administration and Finance, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall prepare a contingency plan for the financing and construction of the Bourne Bridge and shall publish such report with the Clerks of the House and Senate, and the House and Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation, by January 1, 2028."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 537
7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston's Mayor's Office of Housing for the development of Marzuq Muhammad Plaza II at 376 to 384 Blue Hill avenue in the Grove Hall section of the city of Boston, including mixed-use affordable homeownership opportunities, family-sized housing units, ground-floor commercial and community space and a permanent home for the Family Movement organization"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fernandes and Cyr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting 538
at the end thereof the following section:-

"SECTION X. There shall be a special commission established pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws, to study the enabling act of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket Steamship Authority. The special commission shall investigate, develop, and recommend strategies for improving the governance of the Authority. The commission shall consist of 2 members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate president, one of whom shall serve as co-chair, and 2 members of the House, appointed by the House speaker, one of whom shall serve as co-chair; the chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation; the Secretary of Transportation, or a designee; and 4 members to be appointed by the co-chairs who shall have expertise in the effective governance of public benefit corporations. The special committee shall review the Enabling Act of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority and (i) determine whether the Steamship Authority's governance structure needs to be modified; (ii) ensure that the Board is performing appropriate oversight, keeping in mind that quasi-public entities have government responsibilities and obligations to be good stewards of public resources; (iii) determine if the roles of the Board and Port Council need to be clarified; (iv) make further recommendations regarding: (1) The Board, including its composition, selection, tenure, basis for selection, desired qualifications, responsibilities, and compensation, (2) the Port Council, including its composition, selection, tenure, basis for selection, desired qualifications, responsibilities, and compensation, (3) MassDOT, and (4) The Cape Cod Commission; and (v) clarify the relationship between and among the Board, Port Council, and Steamship Authority leadership."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following 543
section:-

"SECTION X. Notwithstanding any other special or general law to the contrary, any funding previously obligated from the Massachusetts Offshore Wind Industry Investment Trust Fund established in section 9A of chapter 23J for a project or purpose subsequently cancelled by a company awarded such funds shall be competitively awarded to one or more shovel-ready projects to carry out the purposes set forth in section 9A within 180 days of the effective date of this act."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fernandes moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following section:- 577

"SECTION X. Section 1 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended, in subsection (xvii), by striking the subsection in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

'(xvii) Adopt a qualified allocation plan and regulations pursuant thereto for the federal low-income housing tax credit as provided for in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect for the taxable year, and the Massachusetts low-income housing tax credit as established under section 6I of chapter 62 and section 31H of chapter 63. Such plan may give preference to qualified Massachusetts projects which serve the lowest income tenants at rents affordable to those tenants and which are obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest period. Such plan shall support the production of single bedroom housing for occupants of all ages. The specific powers and grant of authority set forth in this subsection shall be construed broadly to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, and nothing in this subsection shall be construed in limitation of the other powers and duties of the executive office established by other provisions of state or federal law.'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Feeney and Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting, in section 107, the following words:- "The department of state fire services and the state fire marshal shall promulgate regulations for the annual fire safety inspection of food trucks. The department and the fire marshal shall prescribe rules and regulations relative to fire safety inspection schedules, documentation of inspections, and the costs of such inspections". 580

The amendment was *rejected*.

As previously stated, the above amendments were considered as one and *rejected*.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Andrew Bartlett,-- sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Bartlett, an employee of the department of public health (House, No. 5543,-- on petition),-- was read.

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

Edward Gillen,-- sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Edward Gillen, an employee of the highway division (House, No. 5528, amended,-- on petition),-- was read.

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

Weston,-- land.

A Bill authorizing the transfer of certain parcels of land in the town of Weston from the Weston conservation commission to the select board (House, No. 5467,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

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

Recess.

Recess.

There being no objection, at three minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at seven minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill relative to promoting transparency and public access in state government (House, No. 5469),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3200. Government,-- transparency.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill promoting transparency and public access in state government (House, No. 5469) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3200) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, July 30, 2026, for immediate consideration with the Ways and Means new text pending; and be it further ordered that all amendments to the proposed new text shall be second-reading amendments, but further amendments in the third-degree to such amendments shall be in order. Procedural order. SD4070

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Friedman, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

The bill will be placed in the Orders of the Day for Thursday, July 30, 2026, for a second reading with the amendment pending.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House bill relative to economic development in the commonwealth (House, No. 5576),-- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. Economic Development.

Ms. Creem in the Chair, Ms. Friedman, Mr. Cyr, Ms. Comerford, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Gómez, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Barrett, Payano and Keenan, Ms. Howard, Mr. Oliveira, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Eldridge and Collins, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Mark and Montigny and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3217 relative to Requiring Automated Criminal Record Sealing. 511

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the design and renovation of Madison Park Technical Vocational high school; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 43

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda, Ms. Jehlen, Mr. Driscoll, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended to the executive office of housing and livable communities to create a pilot program to aid in the development and construction of permanently affordable home ownership; provided further, that funds may only be used to fund the creation of permanently affordable homeownership units, which may include, but shall not be limited to, units within a mixed use development; provided further, that funds expended for the program may only be used on permanently affordable homeownership units affordable to low and moderate income households whose income is not less than 60 percent or more than 120 per cent of the area median income; provided further, that funds expended from the program shall only be used to fund projects that have 1 to 25 housing units"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,600,000". 46

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $3,250,000 shall be expended for the design, engineering, and construction of a municipal parking garage deck on the town of Bridgewater's municipal parking lot located off of Central Square behind the retired fire station and on School Street, situated within a federally designated opportunity zone, to support local downtown revitalization and economic development"; and by striking out the figure "100,000" and inserting in place there of the following figure:- "3,325,000". 213

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Gómez moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Springfield for the Springfield Housing Strategy to fund pre-development work on city-owned properties in Springfield that are slated for multi-family housing"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure "$1,100,000". 281

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda and Mr. Eldridge moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for a carpentry pre-apprenticeship program that is open to persons in the city of Boston who have a criminal record and which is operated in partnership with the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters and local community-based organizations and nonprofit organizations, which shall include, but not be limited to, hands-on trades training, participant stipends, tools and safety equipment, personalized mentorship, industry-recognized certifications and employment-readiness services for persons 18 years of age or older"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 297

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda and Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to The Home for Little Wanderers, Inc. for the renovation and creation of the Rev. Dr. Michael E. Haynes Community Room to support community engagement, civic dialogue, youth and family programming and neighborhood partnership initiatives"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure:- "$1,100,000". 305

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner and Mr. Feeney moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Bristol County Agricultural high school for the costs associated with the development of an agricultural workforce development pilot program to serve students, adult learners and employers across southeastern Massachusetts"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$350,000". 341

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by inserting the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for economic development projects in the towns of Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate, and the city known as the town of Weymouth"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000". 356

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Development Financing Agency established in section 2 of chapter 23G of the General Laws for the development of The Devens Innovation and Technology Center zoning district which shall include, but not be limited to, housing or mixed use site development"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$5,100,000". 460

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words: - "; provided further that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Revere for the Resilient Bennington Street and Fredericks Park Project to address regional flood risks in the cities of Revere and Boston"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 491

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by striking section 43 and inserting in place thereof the following section:- 372

"SECTION XX. Section 3 of said Chapter 40A, as so appearing, is amended by inserting the following paragraph:-

No zoning ordinance or by-law shall prohibit, unreasonably restrict or require a special permit or other discretionary zoning approval for the use of land or structures for a single duplex, or the rental thereof on any lot zoned for residential use upon which a single-family dwelling is permitted, lawfully existing or entitled to protection under section 6, including a pre-existing nonconforming lot; provided, that the use of land or structures for duplexes may be subject to design guidelines and may be subject to reasonable regulations, including, but not limited to, 310 CMR 15.000 et seq., if applicable, site plan review and regulations concerning dimensional setbacks and the bulk and height of structures and may be subject to restrictions and prohibitions on the operation of short-term rental pursuant to section 14 of chapter 64G and other applicable laws; provided further, that the use of land or structures for a duplex under this paragraph shall not require owner occupancy of either residential dwelling unit; provided further, that regulations concerning the height of a duplex do not limit height to less than 3 stories; provided further, A local regulation, ordinance, or by-law shall not be more restrictive of duplexes than of single-family dwellings, and shall not, individually or cumulatively, render the development of a duplex physically or financially infeasible; and provided further, a local regulation issued by a local board, department, commission or other similar entity that is more restrictive than state minimum requirements shall be presumed unreasonable unless it addresses a legitimate municipal interest that cannot be addressed by less restrictive means. For the purposes of this paragraph, a duplex shall mean a building with 2 attached residential dwelling units, neither of which is an accessory dwelling unit. The executive office of housing and livable communities may issue guidelines or promulgate regulations to administer this paragraph."; and

By inserting after section 43 the following section:-

"SECTION 43A. Section 3 of said chapter 40A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 141 and 156, the words ', in a single-family residential zoning district'."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the following matters were considered:

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Workplace violence,--prevention.

The House Bill requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 4767, amended),-- came from the House with the endorsement that the House had NON-concurred in the Senate amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3184, and had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Representatives Day of Stoneham, Fluker-Reid of Boston and Kane of Shrewsbury had been appointed the committee on the part of the House.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Finegold, and the matter was considered forthwith.

On motion of the same Senator, the Senate insisted on its amendment and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference; and Senators Friedman, Lovely and Dooner were appointed on the part of the Senate.

The bill was returned to the House endorsed accordingly.

Matter Taken Out of the Notice Section of the Calendar.

The House Bill further providing for the disposition of certain land in the town of West Brookfield (House, No. 5379) (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.** West Brookfield,--land.

Quorum.

At twenty minutes past two o'clock P.M, Ms. Friedman doubted the presence of a quorum. Quorum.

The Chair (Ms. Creem) having determined that a quorum was not in attendance, then directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to secure the presence of a quorum.

Subsequently, at a half past two o'clock P.M., a quorum was declared present.

Remarks of Senate President Karen E. Spilka.

Good afternoon Karen E. Spilka, remarks.

Senators and guests, it is my distinct privilege to welcome our esteemed guest from across the Atlantic today.

The Right Honorable Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the UK House of Commons.

At this time, I request the Chief court officer escort the Speaker to the rostrum.

In his more than four decades of public service, Speaker Hoyle has continually represented Chorley -- on the Northwest periphery of the Greater Manchester Metropolitan area.

At age 22, he became the youngest-ever Councilor to serve Chorley.

He rose to Deputy Leader in Chorley, and served as its mayor in 1997–98, before advancing to national politics.

After his election to parliament, he gained experience on major committees including trade & industry and European scrutiny.

In 2010, he was elected Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Ways and Means—the first time MPS voted directly for that position.

On November 4, 2019, Sir Lindsay Hoyle achieved the pinnacle of his parliamentary career when he was elected the 158th Speaker of the House of Commons.

As Speaker, he has emphasized impartiality, the safety and well-being of parliamentary staff and families, and a commitment to improving parliamentary culture.

He is also a strong advocate for the Armed Forces and continues to champion deeper ties within the Commonwealth and British Overseas Territories to support global democracy.

Off the floor, Sir Lindsay is a devoted family man—husband to Catherine, proud father to daughter Emma, and doting grandfather.

He is an animal lover – something we have in common. He also loves watching cricket, and is a long-standing supporter of English football league team Bolton Wanderers and Rugby league team Warrington Wolves.

Speaker Hoyle's distinguished career, commitment to democratic integrity, and dedication to service make him not just a guest to the Massachusetts State Senate – it makes him a friend.

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Sir Lindsay Hoyle.

Remarks of Sir Lindsay Hoyle.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle,--remarks.

President Spilka, Members of the Massachusetts Senate, thank you for your generous welcome.

It is a great privilege to address this chamber as Speaker of the UK House of Commons.

May I begin by thanking President Spilka for her kind invitation and warm hospitality. I would also like to recognize and thank the Chairs of the UK Caucus, Senator Dylan Fernandes, House Minority Leader Brad Jones, and Representative Susannah Whipps, for their welcome and all they do to strengthen the enduring ties between Massachusetts and the UK.

Those ties stretch back centuries. They have been tested by history, strengthened by shared values, and today they remain as important as ever.

It is especially fitting to be here as Massachusetts marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

Few places have shaped the course of US history in a more profound way than Massachusetts.

From the Boston Tea Party, which led to the UK Parliament passing the Intolerable Acts in 1774, including the restrictive Massachusetts Government Act, and then to the battles of Lexington and Concord, the first major military actions of the American Revolution. These are not just events in American history, they are events that changed the world.

As a parliamentarian, I find it impossible to visit Massachusetts without reflecting that so many of the constitutional principles we value today emerged from arguments during this time about how power should be exercised, who should be represented, and how governments should be held accountable.

And we must not also forget that some of the fiercest arguments about the war were taking place not only here, but inside the UK House of Commons itself. The American Revolutionary War was one of the most contested issues ever debated at Westminster.

Members spoke passionately both for and against continuing the conflict. Some questioned whether military force could ever secure a lasting settlement. Whether reconciliation, not coercion, offered the better path. Those debates became increasingly intense as the years passed.

Today the relationship between our nations is very different to how it was 250 years ago. We are not divided by conflict. We are united by friendship. The Special Relationship.

But that phrase means more than cooperation between governments. It reflects relationships between people, universities, business, the armed forces. And of course, between legislatures.

As legislatures, we both understand that democracy depends not just upon elections, but upon respectful debate, scrutiny of the executive, and the willingness to listen even to those with whom we disagree. Those values matter now just as much as they did 250 years ago.

It is also fitting that we remember another figure whose life reminds us that our histories have always been deeply intertwined.

Myles Standish is remembered here in Massachusetts as the military leader of the Pilgrims' Plymouth Colony.

Maybe less well known is that his story also reaches back across the Atlantic and, indeed, close to my own home.

Myles Standish is closely associated with Chorley in Lancashire, the constituency I have had the great privilege of representing in Parliament for nearly 30 years.

Duxbury Hall, a mile south of Chorley, is widely recognized as the ancestral home of the Standish family.

When Standish and the other settlers established the town of Duxbury here in Massachusetts, he made sure that he carried that name of his home in Chorley with him. So, part of Lancashire crossed the Atlantic and found a new home here.

And tomorrow I look forward to visiting Plymouth and Duxbury, where his story became part of yours.

As Massachusetts marks this remarkable anniversary, it is right to celebrate the courage, vision and determination of those who helped found the United States. It is equally right to recognize that history has brought our nations from conflict to that Special Relationship.

That is something worth celebrating.

Indeed, over the last 250 years no two countries have worked together so consistently in defense of freedom, democracy and the rule of law across the world.

As Speaker, I have the regular privilege of welcoming parliamentary delegations from around the world to Westminster. Legislatures learn from one another. That is why visits like this matter and are so valuable. They build understanding, reinforce trust and remind us that democracy is enhanced when parliamentarians speak to one another.

President Spilka, Members of the Senate thank you once again for your warm welcome.

On behalf of the UK House of Commons, I offer our warmest wishes and congratulations to you and the people of Massachusetts as you commemorate 250 years and the many battles across the state that led to America's independence.

I know that the friendship between our legislatures will continue to deepen and the Special Relationship between our nations will continue to flourish and become "a VERY Special Relationship".

Thank you.

On motion of Ms. Creem, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Senate Journal. Ordered printed.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, the Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House bill relative to economic development in the commonwealth (House, No. 5576),-- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. Economic Development.

Mr. Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended to the Leto Fund Inc. for the purposes of establishing the Boston Legacy Performance Center in the city of Brockton, supporting regional sports development and tourism and for the training and usage of youth athletes from the Greater Brockton area"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$2,600,000". 499

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Recess.

At twenty-one minutes past three o'clock P.M, at the request of Mr. Tarr, for the purpose of a minority caucus, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess; and, at eight minutes before four o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair. Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House bill relative to economic development in the commonwealth (House, No. 5576),-- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. Economic development.

Messrs. Feeney, Cyr and Fernandes, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Payano, Ms. Rausch and Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8086, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that the Massachusetts international trade office shall convene a working group to study the feasibility and recommend actions necessary to plan, coordinate and host a set or tournament of international soccer matches within the commonwealth; provided further, that the membership of the working group shall 595 include: the executive director of the Massachusetts international trade office; the executive director of the Massachusetts office of travel and tourism or their designee; the secretary of administration and finance or their designee; the secretary of transportation or their designee; the secretary of public safety and security or their designee; the commissioner of public health or their designee; the colonel of the division of state police or their designee; the general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority or their designee; 1 member of the senate, appointed by the senate president; 1 member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; a representative of the New England Revolution; a representative of the Boston Legacy Football Club; a representative of the host municipality, after said municipality is determined; a representative of a youth soccer organization; and a member appointed by the governor, who possess relevant expertise in international sports partnerships, event management, transportation or public safety; provided further, that the working group shall meet not less than quarterly and members shall serve without compensation; provided further, that the working group shall: (i) determine the appropriate scope and scale of hosting an international soccer tournament in the commonwealth; (ii) evaluate prospective dates, venues and operational needs for hosting matches including, but not limited to, the creation of an appropriate operational framework, if recommended; (iii) determine and coordinate with representatives of participating countries including, but not limited to, the United States of America, Scotland and nations with a significant diaspora in the commonwealth; (iv) assess and develop recommendations for transportation, including commuter rail and roadway management, public safety emergency preparedness and public health; (v) identify costs and potential funding sources; (vi) determine the economic and cultural benefit to the commonwealth as a result of coordinating and hosting an international soccer tournament; and (vii) consult with municipal officials, local business partners and relevant community and regional organizations in the planning process; provided further, that not later than 12 months following the effective date of this act, the working group shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the secretary of economic development, the secretary of administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies and the joint committee on tourism, arts and cultural development; and provided further, the report shall include proposed timelines, operational frameworks, financial projections and any legislative or regulatory actions necessary for implementation".

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Fernandes and Payano, Ms. Rausch, Messrs. Feeney 354
and Moore, Ms. Lovely and Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended in Section 3A, by inserting before item 7002-8046 the following item:-

"MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

0640-0309 For a capital grant program to be administered by the Massachusetts cultural council to support individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations, community groups and other eligible applicants as determined by the council who are engaged in public arts, performance, cultural and community programming that stimulates downtown areas, commercial areas, cultural districts, gathering places and nightlife destinations and contributes to the cultural and economic vitality of cities and towns; provided, that the council may award grants to cities and towns which intend to contract with individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations, community groups and other eligible entities for projects which support art, performance, cultural and community programming in downtown areas, commercial areas, cultural districts. gathering places and nightlife destinations .... $1,000,000".

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Fernandes, Payano and Gómez, Ms. Rausch and Ms. 78
Comerford moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following section:-

"SECTION X. Chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 33B the following new sections:-

Section 33C. In a city or town that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4, an establishment holding a license to sell alcohol to be drunk on the premises shall be permitted to sell alcoholic beverages or alcohol at a discounted price, in a manner as approved by the city or town.

Section 33D. In a city or town that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4, a common victualler duly licensed under chapter 140 or any person duly licensed under section 12, section 19, section 19C or section 19D to sell all alcoholic beverages or only wines and malt beverages may discount any alcoholic beverages during a specified time period subject to ordinance, by-law, or other limitations as provided by the city and town and; provided, however, that: (i) the prices of alcoholic beverages are not changed during the time period during which they are discounted; (ii) alcoholic beverages are not discounted between the hours of 10 p.m. and the licensed establishment's closing hour; and (iii) notice of the discount of the alcoholic beverages during the time period specified is posted on the licensed premises and on the licensee's publicly available website not less than 3 days prior to the specified time. Authorized persons may advertise events permitted under this statute consistent with local approval."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Comerford, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Cyr, Fernandes, Payano, Gómez, Oliveira, 70
Feeney, Tarr and O'Connor, Ms. Howard, Messrs. Eldridge and Moore, Ms. Rausch and Mr. Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8086, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended as grants to farm businesses, nonprofit organizations, municipalities and regional tourism councils to enhance agritourism-related cultural and promotional activities in the commonwealth including, but not limited to: (i) barn paintings and agricultural murals created by local artists; (ii) wayfinding, signage and other marketing materials promoting agritourism destinations; (iii) infrastructure and programming that enhances the visibility, viability and visitor experience of farms, farmers markets, farm stands, community gardens, agricultural fairs and other community-based agricultural enterprises; and (iv) public art, cultural installations and promotional initiatives that strengthen local agricultural identity and encourage residents and visitors to visit agricultural sites and purchase local agricultural products; provided further, that the executive office of economic development shall coordinate with the department of agricultural resources to develop and administer the grants" and by striking out the figure "$25,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$30,000,000".

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Cyr, Fernandes, Payano and Gómez, Ms. Rausch, Ms. 309
Comerford, Mr. Feeney and Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 126 the following section:-

"SECTION 126A. Said chapter 138 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 33B the following section:-

Section 33C. (a) For the purposes of this section, 'licensed establishment' shall mean an establishment holding a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages, whether all alcoholic beverages or wines and malt beverages only, to be drunk on the premises pursuant to this chapter.

(b) In a city or town that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4, a local licensing authority may designate 1 or more areas in that city or town in which alcoholic beverages are permitted to be consumed in public spaces, subject to such restrictions as the city or town may deem appropriate; provided, however, that the local licensing authority shall immediately notify the commission about any areas designated for public consumption of alcoholic beverages after so designating. Alcohol consumed within a designated district shall be limited to alcoholic beverages sold by participating licensed establishments located within the designated district.

(c) A local licensing authority in a city or town may allow a licensed establishment to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in districts designated pursuant to this section. Only licensed establishments located within a district designated pursuant to this section may sell alcoholic beverages to be consumed off premises within the district.

(d) This section shall not be construed to permit a licensed establishment to sell any type or category of alcohol beyond the type or category of alcohol that the licensed establishment is permitted to sell under the license issued to it by the local licensing authority pursuant to this chapter."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Comerford and Messrs. Cyr, Gómez, Tarr, O'Connor, Eldridge and Moore moved 19
that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8083, by striking out the figure "$10,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$15,000,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Fernandes and Eldridge, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Lovely, Mr. Payano and Ms. 24
Miranda moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sections:-

"SECTION X. Section 11A of chapter 13 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 3 of chapter 186 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'lactation consultants' the words:- 'lactation counselors or advanced lactation consultants'.

SECTION X. Section 23A of chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting before the definition of 'Athletic Trainer' the following definitions:-

'Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice' or 'ALPP', the division of the Healthy Children Project, Inc. that confers the Certified Lactation Counselor credential, which certification program is independently accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board, and the Advanced Lactation Consultant and Advanced Nurse Lactation Consultant credentials.

'Advanced Lactation Consultant' or 'ALC' and 'Advanced Nurse Lactation Consultant' or 'ANLC', a person who holds current certification from the Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice as an advanced lactation consultant after demonstrating appropriate education, knowledge and experiences necessary to provide advanced lactation care and services.

'Advanced lactation consultant', a person who provides lactation consulting and who is in good standing with the ALPP as an ALC or ANLC. Advanced lactation consultant shall not refer to an individual possessing the credential of an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant licensed as a licensed lactation consultant in accordance with Sections 23B and Sections 23J1/2(a).

SECTION X. Said section 23A of said chapter 112, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of 'Board' the following definitions:-

'Certified Lactation Counselor' or 'CLC', a person who holds current certification from the Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice as a lactation counselor after demonstrating the appropriate education, knowledge, and experience necessary to provide lactation care and services.

'Lactation counselor', a person who provides lactation counseling and who is in good standing with the ALPP as a CLC.

'Licensed lactation counselor', a person who is duly licensed to practice lactation counseling in accordance with sections 23B and 23J1/2(b).

'Licensed advanced lactation consultant', an ALC or ANLC who is duly licensed to practice lactation consulting in accordance with sections 23B and 23J1/2(b). Licensed advanced lactation consultant shall not refer to a licensed lactation consultant licensed under section 23J1/2(a).

SECTION X. The definition of 'Licensed lactation consultant' in said Section 23A of said chapter 112, inserted by section 24 of chapter 186 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'section 23B':- and Section 23J1/2(a). The term licensed lactation consultant shall not refer to licensed advanced lactation consultants licensed under Section 23J/12(b).

SECTION X. The definition of 'Lactation consulting' in said section 23A of said chapter 112, inserted by section 24 of chapter 186 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'Lactation consulting' the following words:- or lactation counseling.

SECTION X. Section 23B of said chapter 112 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'and lactation consultants', inserted by section 25 of chapter 186 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- , lactation consultants, lactation counselors and advanced lactation consultants.

SECTION X. Section 23C of said chapter 112 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'lactation consultant', inserted by section 27 of said chapter 186 the following words:- or lactation counselor or advanced lactation consultant.

SECTION X. Said section 23C of said chapter 112 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words 'lactation consultant', inserted by section 28 of said chapter 186, the following words:- or as a licensed lactation counselor or as a licensed advanced lactation consultant.

SECTION X. Section 23D of said chapter 112 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'lactation consultant', inserted by section 29 of said chapter 186, the following words:- or lactation counselor or advanced lactation consultant.

SECTION X. Section 23E of said chapter 112 as most recently amended by chapter 186 of the Acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by striking out subsections (b) through (e), inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following subsections:-

(b) any person employed as an athletic trainer, occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, lactation consultant or lactation counselor by the Government of the United States or any agency of it, if such person provides occupational therapy, physical therapy, lactation consulting, or lactation counseling solely under the direction or control of the organization by which such person is employed, or

(c) any person pursuing a supervised course of study leading to a degree or certificate in athletic training, occupational therapy, physical therapy, lactation consulting, or lactation counseling at an accredited or approved educational program, if the person is designated by a title which clearly indicates such person's status as a student or trainee, or

(d) any person fulfilling the supervised field work experience requirements of this section, if the experience constitutes a part of the experience necessary to meet the requirement of that section, or

(e) any person performing athletic training services, occupational therapy services, physical therapy services, lactation consulting services, or lactation counseling services in the commonwealth if these services are performed for no more than 2 days in a calendar year in association with an athletic trainer, occupational therapist, physical therapist, lactation counselor, or advanced lactation consultant licensed under this section, if the person is licensed under the law of another state which has licensure requirements at least as stringent as the requirements of this section.

SECTION X. Section 23J½ of said chapter 112, inserted by section 34 of chapter 186 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘An applicant’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- (a) An applicant.

SECTION X. Said section 23J½ of said chapter 112 is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

(b) An applicant for licensure as a lactation counselor or advanced lactation consultant shall:

(i) be not less than eighteen years of age;

(ii) have submitted a completed application upon a form and in such manner as the board prescribes, accompanied by applicable fees;

(iii) have met the education and clinical standards established by certified lactation counselors, advanced lactation consultant, or advanced nurse lactation consultant established by the Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice or successor organization;

(iv) have passed an examination adopted or administered by the board; provided, however, that the board may adopt a standardized national exam, including the examination required for certification by the Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice or a successor or equivalent entity; and

(v) have completed such other requirements as may be prescribed by the board.

SECTION X. Clause (c) of section 23K of said chapter 112 is hereby amended by inserting after the words ‘lactation consulting’, inserted by section 35 of said chapter 186, the following words:- or lactation counseling.

SECTION X. Clause (f) of section 23K of said chapter 112 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘or physical therapy’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- physical therapy, lactation consulting or lactation counseling.

SECTION X. Section 23L of said chapter 112 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘or licensed lactation consultant’, inserted by section 36 of said chapter 186, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- licensed lactation consultant or lactation counselor.

SECTION X. Subsection (a) of section 23P¾ of said chapter 112, inserted by section 37 of said chapter 186, is hereby amended by adding the following words after the words ‘licensed lactation consultant’:- , licensed lactation counselor or licensed advanced lactation consultant.

SECTION X. Subsection (b) of said section 23P¾ of said chapter 112, as so inserted, is hereby amended by inserting after the words ‘lactation consulting’ the following words:- or lactation counseling.

SECTION X. Said subsection (b) of section 23P¾ of said chapter 112, as so inserted, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘licensed lactation consultant’ the following words:- , ‘licensed lactation counselor’ or ‘licensed advanced lactation consultant’.

SECTION X. Subsection (c) of section 23P¾ of said chapter 112, as so inserted, is hereby amended by inserting after the words ‘licensed lactation consultant’ the following words:- ‘licensed lactation counselor’ or ‘licensed advanced lactation consultant’.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Velis and Eldridge, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Howard, Messrs. Gómez 29
and Oliveira and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by adding the following sections:-

“SECTION XX. Section 31 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:-

‘A Creative space restriction means a right, either in perpetuity or for a specified number of years, whether or not stated in the form of a restriction, easement, covenant or condition in any deed, mortgage, will, agreement, or other instrument executed by or on behalf of the owner of the land appropriate to a) limiting the use of all or part of land or structure to occupancy by persons for the creation, practice, presentation, exhibition of art, creative expression or culture or to occupancy by persons or families for live/work artist studio housing. Such restriction may include provisions to restrict the resale price of all or part of the property in order to assure its affordability by future low or moderate income artists, creative workers, culture bearers, and artisans of fine, applied, traditional or popular arts.'

SECTION XX. Chapter 44 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new Sections:-

Section 74. For the purpose of this section and section 75 of this Chapter, the following words shall be defined as follows:

'Creative space' - space where the primary use is the creation and practice of art, culture and creative expression and the primary users are artists, creative workers or artisans in the fine, applied or popular arts, where 'creation' encompasses all activities required to generate artistic products including but not limited to sketching, design, prototyping, writing, rehearsing, composing, recording, etc., and 'practice' encompasses all activities related to developing, expanding, and maintaining skills and competencies that enable the creation of arts, culture and creative expression.

'Presentation space' - space where the primary use is showcasing, presentation and exhibition of art, culture and creative expression by artists, creative workers, and artisans in the fine, applied or popular arts, and community members.

Section 75. Municipal Creative Space Preservation Trust Fund

(a) Notwithstanding Section 53 of Chapter 44 or any other general or special law to the contrary, a city or town that accepts this section may establish a trust to be known as the Municipal Creative Space Trust Fund, in this section called the trust. The purpose of the trust is to provide for the creation and preservation of creative space and presentation space in municipalities.

(b) There shall be a board of trustees, in this section called the board, which shall include no less than 5 trustees, including the chief executive officer, as defined by section 7 of chapter 4, of the city or town, but where the chief executive officer is a multi-member body, that body shall designate a minimum of 1 of its members to serve on the board; provided, that, if said city or town has formed a Local or Regional Cultural Council, as defined in Section 58 of Chapter 10 of the general laws, said chief executive officer shall appoint to the board a minimum of 1 member from said cultural council; provided further, that, if said city or town has a municipal board, committee or commission dedicated to local arts and culture, said chief executive officer shall appoint to the board a minimum of 1 member from said body.. Trustees shall be appointed in a city by the mayor or by the city manager in a Plan D or Plan E municipality, subject in either case, to confirmation by the city council, and in a town by the board of selectmen, shall serve for a term not to exceed 2 years, and are designated as public agents for purposes of the constitution of the commonwealth. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent a board of selectmen from appointing the town manager or town administrator as a member or chair of the board, with or without the power to vote.

(c) The powers of the board, all of which shall be carried on in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this act, shall include the following powers, but a city or town may, by ordinance or by-law, omit or modify any of these powers and may grant to the board additional powers consistent with this section:—

(1) to accept and receive real property, personal property or money, by gift, grant, contribution, devise or transfer from any person, firm, corporation or other public or private entity, including but not limited to money, grants of funds or other property tendered to the trust in connection with any ordinance or by-law or any general or special law or any other source;

(2) to purchase and retain real or personal property, including without restriction investments that yield a high rate of income or no income;

(3) to sell, lease, exchange, transfer or convey any personal, mixed, or real property at public auction or by private contract for such consideration and on such terms as to credit or otherwise, and to make such contracts and enter into such undertaking relative to trust property as the board deems advisable notwithstanding the length of any such lease or contract;

(4) to execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds, assignments, transfers, pledges, leases, covenants, contracts, promissory notes, releases, grant agreements and other instruments sealed or unsealed, necessary, proper or incident to any transaction in which the board engages for the accomplishment of the purposes of the trust;

(5) to employ advisors and agents, such as accountants, appraisers and lawyers as the board deems necessary;

(6) to pay reasonable compensation and expenses to all advisors and agents and to apportion such compensation between income and principal as the board deems advisable;

(7) to apportion receipts and charges between incomes and principal as the board deems advisable, to amortize premiums and establish sinking funds for such purpose, and to create reserves for depreciation depletion or otherwise;

(8) to participate in any reorganization, recapitalization, merger or similar transactions; and to give proxies or powers of attorney with or without power of substitution to vote any securities or certificates of interest; and to consent to any contract, lease, mortgage, purchase or sale of property, by or between any corporation and any other corporation or person;

(9) to deposit any security with any protective reorganization committee, and to delegate to such committee such powers and authority with relation thereto as the board may deem proper and to pay, out of trust property, such portion of expenses and compensation of such committee as the board may deem necessary and appropriate;

(10) to carry property for accounting purposes other than acquisition date values;

(11) to borrow money on such terms and conditions and from such sources as the board deems advisable, to mortgage and pledge trust assets as collateral;

(12) to make distributions or divisions of principal in kind;

(13) to comprise, attribute, defend, enforce, release, settle or otherwise adjust claims in favor or against the trust, including claims for taxes, and to accept any property, either in total or partial satisfaction of any indebtedness or other obligation, and subject to the provisions of this act, to continue to hold the same for such period of time as the board may deem appropriate;

(14) to manage or improve real property; and to abandon any property which the board determined not to be worth retaining;

(15) to hold all or part of the trust property uninvested for such purposes and for such time as the board may deem appropriate; and

(16) to extend the time for payment of any obligation to the trust.

(d) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all moneys paid to the trust in accordance with any zoning ordinance or by-law, exaction fee, or private contributions shall be paid directly into the trust and need not be appropriated or accepted and approved into the trust. General revenues appropriated into the trust become trust property and to be expended these funds need not be further appropriated. All moneys remaining in the trust at the end of any fiscal year, whether or not expended by the board within 1 year of the date they were appropriated into the trust, remain trust property.

(e) The trust is a public employer and the members of the board are public employees for purposes of chapter 258.

(f) The trust shall be deemed a municipal agency and the trustees special municipal employees, for purposes of chapter 268A.

(g) The trust is exempt from chapters 59 and 62, and from any other provisions concerning payment of taxes based upon or measured by property or income imposed by the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof.

(h) The books and records of the trust shall be audited annually by an independent auditor in accordance with accepted accounting practices. Said independent auditor shall submit an annual report to the Massachusetts cultural council.

(i) The trust is a governmental body for purposes of sections 23A, 23B and 23C of chapter 39.

(j) The trust is a board of the city or town for purposes of chapter 30B and section 15A of chapter 40; but agreements and conveyances between the trust and agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, departments and public instrumentalities of the city or town shall be exempt from said chapter 30B.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Montigny moved that the proposed new text be 33
amended by adding the following section:-

“SECTION XX. The special commission established pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 2024 to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a statewide Massachusetts Cabo Verdean cultural center in the city of Boston is hereby revived and continued to December 31st, 2027; and further amended, by striking out the words ‘All appointments to the commission shall be made not later than March 31, 2027.’; and inserting in place thereof the following words: ‘All initial appointments to the commission shall be made not later than December 31, 2026; provided, however, that appointing authorities may make additional appointments to fill vacancies as they arise’; and by striking out the words ‘December 31, 2026’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- ‘December 31, 2027’.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended in line 497 by inserting after 48
the word “stories” the following words:- “except on a lot zoned for single family residential use height shall not exceed 35 feet, measured from the highest point of the structure to the average existing finished grade at the footprint of the building, or exceed the average height of buildings already erected on the same side of the street within 300 feet on each side of the lot, whichever is greater”.

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Keenan moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 43, in lines 507- 49
508, by striking the words “2 dwelling units on the same parcel or lot in attached, detached, or semi-detached arrangements that are designed for residential occupancy” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “(i) 2 dwelling units on a parcel or lot of not more than 5,000 square feet zoned for single family residential use or (ii) 2 dwelling units on a parcel or lot of not less than 5,001 square feet in attached, detached or semi-detached arrangements designed and used for residential occupancy”.

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Keenan and Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 52
106, in line 1302, by inserting, after the word “incident”, the following words:- “or the sum of multiple incidents”.

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Keenan, Eldridge and Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended 53
in section 106, in line 1303, by inserting, after the word “a”, the following word:- “conventional,”.

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore and Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting 136
after section __ the following section:-

"SECTION __. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller shall, upon request of the secretary for administration and finance, make available to the city of Worcester not more than $100,000,000 from the Convention and Exhibition Center Fund for the purposes of maintenance and improvements to the DCU Center in the city of Worcester. The secretary shall make said request upon application by the city of Worcester to the secretary and after review of said application and determination by secretary that the application is complete and satisfactory."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fernandes, Cyr, Tarr, O'Connor, Eldridge and Montigny moved that the proposed new text be amended in line item 7002-8083, in line 117, by inserting after the word "innovation," the following words:- "including, seafood processing, cold storage, value-added products, shellfish, supply-chain development, and institutional seafood markets,"; 179

In line item 7002-8080, in line 90, by inserting after the word "transportation," the following words:- ", commercial fisheries, maritime"; and

In line item 7002-8085, in line 134 after the word "corridors," the following words:- "working waterfronts, commercial ports,".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Gómez and Lewis, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Payano, Keenan, Feeney, Oliveira, Eldridge and Velis, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Rausch, Ms. Howard, Messrs. Rush and Collins, Ms. Jehlen and Ms. Kennedy moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following sections:- 265

"SECTION X. Section 55 of chapter 13 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- Not less than annually, the board shall publish: (i) a summary of complaints filed against license holders in the previous calendar year; provided, however, that any personally identifiable information published in the summary shall be de-identified; (ii) the number and type of disciplinary actions taken by the board related to discriminatory practices, including, but not limited to, any disciplinary action taken pursuant to section 87AAA of chapter 112; and (iii) the names of any license holder whose license has been suspended or revoked by the board as a result of the license holder engaging in discriminatory practices.

SECTION X. Section 87PP of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4 and 5, the word 'salesmen' and inserting in place thereof the following word:- salespersons.

SECTION X. Said section 87PP of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the definition of 'Real estate salesman' and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

'Real estate salesperson' or 'salesperson', an individual who performs or engages in any transaction included in the foregoing definition of broker, except the completing of negotiation of any agreement or transaction which results or is intended to result in sale, exchange, purchase, renting or leasing of any real estate.

SECTION X. Section 87QQ of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the word 'salesman' and inserting in place thereof the following word:- salesperson.

SECTION X. Section 87RR of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2, 5, 7, 8, 11 and 12, 13, 16, 20 and 21, 22 and 28, the word 'salesman' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson.

SECTION X. Section 87SS of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1, 26 and 32, the word 'salesman' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson.

SECTION X. The second paragraph of said section 87SS of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Every individual applicant for a license as a salesperson who is required to take an examination therefor shall, as a prerequisite to taking such examination, submit proof satisfactory to the board that such individual has completed courses in real estate subjects approved by the board; provided, however, that such courses shall total 40 classroom hours of instruction and shall include not less than 4 hours on fair housing law; and provided further, that applicants having successfully completed a course in real property while enrolled in an accredited law school in the commonwealth may also take such examination.

SECTION X. Said section 87SS of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 35 and 43, the word 'salesman's' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson's.

SECTION X. Section 87UU of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 53 and 56, the word 'salesman' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson.

SECTION X. Said section 87UU of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 57, the word 'salesman's' and inserting in place thereof the following word:- salesperson's.

SECTION X. Section 87VV of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, the word 'salesman' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson.

SECTION X. Section 87WW of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 6, the word 'salesman' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson.

SECTION X. Said section 87WW of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 8, the word "salesmen" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- salespersons.

SECTION X. Section 87XX of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3, 6, 10 and 32, the word 'salesman' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson.

SECTION X. Said section 87XX of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 39 and 42, the word 'salesmen' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salespersons.

SECTION X. Section 87XX1/2 of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

A person holding a license as a real estate broker or salesperson shall, within their renewal period, satisfactorily complete courses or programs of instruction approved by the board; provided, however, that attendance at such courses or programs of instruction shall be not less than 6 hours but not more than 12 hours as determined by the board. The curriculum contained in such courses or programs shall contain: (i) not less than 2 hours on fair housing law; and (ii) not less than 4 hours selected from any of the following subjects: equal employment opportunity, accessibility for individuals with disabilities, agency law, environmental issues in real estate, zoning and building codes, real estate appraisal and financing, property tax assessments and valuation and real estate board regulations.

SECTION X. Said section 87XX1/2 of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 49 and 55, the word 'salesman' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson.

SECTION X. Section 87YY1/2 of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 6, the word 'salesmen' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salespersons.

SECTION X. Section 87ZZ of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 16, the word ‘salesman’s’ and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson’s.

SECTION X. Section 87AAA of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3, 16, 18, 40, 42, 43, 45, 48, 65 and 79, the word ‘salesman’ and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson.

SECTION X. Said section 87AAA of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘discrimination’, in line 38, the following words:- , or any other agency that administers fair housing laws and is certified by the federal Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity pursuant to the federal Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 3601 through 42 U.S.C. 3619, inclusive.

SECTION X. Said section 87AAA of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘commission’, in lines 38 and 39, inclusive, the following words:- or agency.

SECTION X. Said section 87AAA of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘commission’, in line 44, the following words:- or agency.

SECTION X. Said section 87AAA of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 49, the word ‘ninety’ and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 180.

SECTION X. The first paragraph of said section 87AAA of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence the following sentence:- The board, after notice by the office of the attorney general that a court in a matter brought by the office of the attorney general has made a finding, which has become final, that a licensed broker or salesperson committed an unlawful practice in violation of chapter 151B arising out of or in the course of the person’s occupation as a licensed broker or salesperson, shall suspend the license of said broker or salesperson for a period of 60 days; provided, however, that if the board determines that the violation by such licensed broker or salesperson occurred within 2 years of the date of a prior finding by a court of a violation of said chapter 151B, which has become final, the board shall suspend the license of such broker or salesperson for a period of 180 days. An agency empowered to make referrals to the board under this section, including the office of the attorney general, shall make all such referrals that qualify under this section.

SECTION X. Said section 87AAA of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 60 and 67, the word ‘salesmen’ and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salespersons.

SECTION X. Section 87AAA3/4 of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word ‘salesmen’ and inserting in place thereof the following word:- salespersons.

SECTION X. Said section 87AAA3/4 of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 22, 26, 41, 43, 46, 63 and 67, the word ‘salesman’ and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson.

SECTION X. Section 87CCC of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2 and 3, the word ‘salesman’ and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- salesperson.

SECTION X. Section 87DDD1/2 of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word ‘salesman’ and inserting in place thereof the following word:- salesperson.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Creem and Messrs. Lewis and O'Connor moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8085, by adding the following words:- “; provided 275 further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended for a grant program to cities and towns to convert vacant retail spaces and storefronts into spaces to provide entrepreneurs with the opportunity to pilot retail concepts through temporary pop-up stores"; and by striking out the figure "$25,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$27,500,000".

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem, Messrs. Lewis, Eldridge, Barrett and Tarr, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Moore 11
moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3218 relative to Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Payano, Feeney, Eldridge, Cyr and Gómez, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Brady moved 168
that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 59 the following section:-

"SECTION 59A. Section 9 of chapter 40R of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsections (a) and (b) and inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:-

(a) The commonwealth shall pay from the trust fund or other funds from appropriations or other money authorized by the general court a zoning incentive payment, according to the following schedule:

Projected Units of New Construction %	Payment
Up to 20%	$20,000
21 to 100%	$150,000
101 to 200%	$400,000
201 to 500%	$740,000
501% or more	$1,200,000

Subject to any conditions imposed by the department as a condition of approving a smart growth zoning district or starter home zoning district, the zoning incentive payment shall be payable upon confirmation of approval of the district by the department. The projected percentage of units shall be based upon the zoning adopted in the smart growth zoning district or starter home zoning district.

(b) The commonwealth shall pay from the trust fund or other funds from appropriations or other money authorized by the general court a 1-time density bonus payment to each city or town with an approved smart growth zoning district and a 1-time production bonus payment to each city or town with an approved starter home zoning district. Such payment shall be $6,000 for each housing unit of new construction created in the smart growth zoning district and $6,000 for each housing unit of new construction created in the starter home zoning district. The amount due shall be paid on a unit-by-unit basis in accordance with department regulations, upon submission by a city or town of proof of issuance of a building permit for a particular housing unit or units within the district."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Gómez moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 71 270
the following section:-

"SECTION 71A. The second paragraph of the definition of 'Net income' in paragraph 4 of Section 30 of chapter 63 of the General Laws, as amended by section 4 of chapter 65 of the acts of 2026, is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence:- For purposes of this paragraph, in the case of a taxpayer required to file a combined report pursuant to section 32B, where at least 1 member of the combined group is a marijuana establishment licensed pursuant to chapter 94G or a medical marijuana establishment licensed pursuant to chapter 94I, amounts paid or incurred by any member of the combined group during the taxable year in carrying on the trade or business of such unitary business that would have been deductible under the Code, but for section 280E of said Code, shall be treated as amounts paid or incurred in carrying on such trade or business for purposes of this paragraph, without regard to whether the member that paid or incurred such amounts is the member that holds the license."; and

By inserting after section 164 the following section:

"SECTION 164A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, section 71A shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Gómez and Oliveira and Ms. Edwards moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the following section:- 276

"SECTION X. Subsection (i) of section 1J of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 sentences:-

Teachers employed by Springfield Empowerment Zone Partnership, Inc. shall be subject to the state teacher retirement system under chapter 32 and service in Springfield Empowerment Zone Partnership, Inc. shall be creditable service within the meaning thereof. For the purposes of this subsection, the word 'teacher' shall mean a person any teacher, supervisor, director, superintendent, or principal, and any other person who works in a position that would make them eligible to be a member of the teachers' retirement system if their position were performed in a public school including, but not limited to, positions that are eligible for MTRS membership by title in public schools.".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Gómez, Oliveira and Velis moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to The Birthplace Foundation, Inc. to support the planning, design, site preparation, infrastructure improvements and capital investments necessary to advance the development of a premier basketball destination in the city of Springfield to promote tourism and support community programming for local youth"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 288

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by inserting after the word "grants" the following:- "; provided further that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to the City of Gloucester for the redevelopment of the I-4, C-2 parcel to support the commercial fishing industry and other commercial water-dependent uses"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$400,000". 292

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Rausch and Ms. Howard *moved that the proposed new text* be amended in section 43 by striking out, in line 497, the word "municipalities" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "a municipality may opt out of this paragraph if it has (i) established housing consistent with local needs pursuant to section 20 of chapter 40B, (ii) achieved compliance with section 3A of this chapter, if applicable, and (iii) adopted one or more additional zoning or land use policies that encourage the production of housing, including, but not limited to, reducing or eliminating parking minimums for residential use and reducing or eliminating restrictive lot size requirements; and provided further, that municipalities subject to this paragraph"; and 310

By striking out, in line 509, the words "may issue guidelines or" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- "shall".

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Rausch and Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 7 by inserting after the word "the", in line 169, the following words:- "reduction or"; 349

By inserting after the word "the", in line 170, the following words:- "reduction or";

By inserting after the word “standards”, in line 171, the second time it appears, the following words:- “. Preference modifiers shall reasonably reflect the infrastructure and resources of a municipality”; and

By striking out, in line 176, the words “issue guidelines” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “promulgate regulations”.

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Barrett, Keenan, Tarr, Mark and Lewis, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Rausch, 222
Messrs. Eldridge and Oliveira, Ms. Edwards and Messrs. Driscoll, Gómez, Brady, Collins and Payano *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3219 relative to Social Work Licensure Compact.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr and Ms. Howard moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 363
3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- “; provided further that not less than $800,000 shall be expended to the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to conduct a study and analysis of all wastewater treatment plants and collection systems in the commonwealth which are licensed to discharge wastewater into the Merrimack river, through a permit issued pursuant to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System or otherwise; provided further, that the study shall for each permitted facility: (i) the amount of allowable discharge of treated effluent into the river and the municipalities it serves; (ii) the amount, if any, of combined stormwater overflow discharge allowed and, for the preceding 5 years, the actual number and quantity of such discharges, the number of times and amounts by which such discharges exceeded permitted parameters and any fines, fees or other penalties associated with such excess discharges; (iii) any applicable administrative consent orders or other statutory or regulatory measures compelling remedial action, a description of each such action and the status of compliance with such orders or measures; (iv) the age and state of repair of each facility and its components, including collection, treatment and discharge elements; (v) any current projects underway, planned or projected to be necessary to achieve a state of good repair and to prevent combined stormwater overflows, with estimated costs and timelines for each such project; (vi) existing and potential funding sources to meet the costs of each such project; (vii) a comprehensive plan to achieve, to the maximum extent feasible, a state of good repair and prevent combined stormwater overflows, from permitted facilities discharging into the river; and (viii) identification of technologies and equipment necessary for the timely monitoring of pollutant discharges into the river; provided further, that the executive office of energy and environmental affairs shall submit the study and analysis, together with any legislative, statutory, regulatory and policy recommendations, with the clerks of the house and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on environment and natural resources and the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies not later than 18 months after the effective date of this act”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$900,000”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002- 368
8087, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to providers of public water suppliers in the watersheds of the Ipswich, Parker and Essex rivers for projects to increase the supply, distribution and conservation of drinking water to improve and maintain the health of the rivers and ensure adequate and sustainable drinking water supplies to support housing and economic growth”; and by striking out the figure “$100,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$1,100,000”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. DiDomenico and Lewis and Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3220 relative to Establishing a Massachusetts Secure Choice Savings Program (Auto-IRA). 393

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. DiDomenico moved that the proposed new text be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8086, by adding the following words:- "; provided further that not less than $9,200,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the Boston-Cambridge Riverwalk Construction at Science Park to reach the preliminary design stage for green, shared community infrastructure along the Charles River Dam to support nature based climate resilience efforts on the Charles River"; and by striking out the figure "$25,000,000" and replacing it thereof with the following figure:- "$34,200,000". 404

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fattman and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section x the following section:- 417

"SECTION X. Section 4 of said chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:- (b) Part B taxable income shall be taxed at the rate of 4.0 percent."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fattman, Tarr and O'Connor *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section _ the following section:- 418

"SECTION _. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, for taxable years beginning on January 1, 2027, an amount not to exceed $12,500 of income received by a taxpayer during the taxable year as compensation for overtime work shall be excluded from Massachusetts gross income, as defined in chapter 62 of the General Laws.

For purposes of this section, 'overtime work' shall mean hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a workweek, or such other threshold as may be established under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the Fair Labor Standards Act, or other federal or state law, for which compensation is paid at a rate greater than the employee's regular rate of pay.

In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, each spouse shall be entitled to a separate exclusion under this section, provided that each spouse has qualifying overtime income.

The commissioner of revenue shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement this section, including provisions to ensure proper reporting and to prevent abuse or mischaracterization of income as overtime compensation.; and

By inserting after section 62 the following section:-

SECTION 62A. Paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 2 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 65 of the acts of 2026, is hereby amended by adding the following subparagraph:-

(S) An amount not to exceed $25,000 in the form of tips or gratuities that would be includible in gross income for such taxable year; provided, that for purposes of this subparagraph, "tips" or "gratuities" shall mean voluntary cash or non-cash amounts received by an employee from a customer or patron, whether received directly or distributed through an employer, consistent with the definition of tips under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and federal regulations; provided further, that. in the case of a married couple filing a joint return, each spouse with qualifying income in the form of tips or gratuities shall be entitled to a separate exclusion under this subparagraph; and provided further, that the commissioner of revenue shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement this subparagraph, including provisions to prevent abuse or improper characterization of income as tips"; and by inserting after section 164 the following section:-

SECTION 164A. Section 62A shall take effect for the taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2027."

After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at three minutes past six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Fattman, as follows, to wit (yeas 7 – nays 32) **[Yeas and Nays No. 210]:**

YEAS.

Collins, Nick	Montigny, Mark C.
Dooner, Kelly A.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Durant, Peter J.	Tarr, Bruce E. – **7.**
Fattman, Ryan C.	

NAYS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Gómez, Adam
Brady, Michael D.	Howard, Vanna
Brownsberger, William N.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Keenan, John F.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Lewis, Jason M.
Cronin, John J.	Lovely, Joan B.
Cyr, Julian	Mark, Paul W.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Miranda, Liz
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	Moore, Michael O.
Edwards, Lydia	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Eldridge, James B.	Payano, Pavel
Feeney, Paul R.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Finegold, Barry R.	Rush, Michael F.
Friedman, Cindy F.	Velis, John C. – **32.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at eleven minutes past six o'clock P.M., the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Feeney, O'Connor and Brady moved that the proposed new text be amended by 447
inserting after section __ the following sections:-

"SECTION __. (a) There shall be within the department of public health, bureau of community health and prevention an illicit drink spiking response and intervention task force to study, report, and recommend regulations relative to incidences of illicit drink spiking in the commonwealth.

(b) The illicit drink spiking response and intervention task force shall consist of: the commissioner of the department of public health, who shall serve as chair; 2 member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate; 1 member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 2 member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 2 members appointed by the governor; the secretary of health and human services, or their designee; and the director of nightlife economy in the city of Boston, or their designee. The commissioner shall appoint members to the task force, 3 of whom shall be experts in public health, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Coalition of Police, 1 of whom shall be a representative from Mass Restaurants United, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Medical Society, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts

Nurses Association, 1 of whom shall be a victim of illicit drink spiking, 1 of whom shall be the parent of a victim of illicit drink spiking, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Boston Police Department, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Boston Police Department Office of Research and Development, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, 1 of whom shall be a representative with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.

(c) The taskforce shall be tasked with (i) formulating the definition of illicit drink spiking; (ii) issuing recommendations on standardizing care, including, but not limited to, emergency care and testing at hospital facilities across the commonwealth following a suspected illicit drink spiking incident, regardless of whether or not a sexual assault has occurred; (iii) recommending trauma-based empathy best practices for nurses examining patients reporting an illicit drink spiking incident when presenting at a hospital or health care facility in the commonwealth; (iv) determining cost sharing best practices for care associated with treating a victim of illicit drink spiking in the hospital setting; (v) determining how illicit drink spiking shall be encompassed under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA); (vi) creating protocols for hospital admission due to an illicit drink spiking incident consistent with EMTALA; (vii) determining best practices for administering timely medical screening and stabilizing treatment to anyone who requests emergency care due to a confirmed or suspected illicit drink spiking incident consistent with EMTALA; (viii) determining how a medical screening examination consistent with EMTALA may include the administration of a relevant and timely testing sample to test for the presence of a substance used in illicit drink spiking upon request by the patient exhibiting symptoms of an illicit drink spiking incident or by any patient exhibiting symptoms of an illicit drink spiking incident; (ix) formulating a list of common signs of drink spiking; (x) identifying possible alternative toxicology support and testing solutions outside the hospital setting; (xi) establishing training practices for nurses and hospital personnel to determine signs of an individual experiencing an illicit drink spiking incident; (xii) examining the toxicology component of a Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit when the toxicology component of the kit goes unused; (xiii) determining a list of victim rights under current law for victims of illicit drink spiking, including an evidence-based risk assessment; (xiv) determining relevant illicit drink spiking data factors that may be tracked and collected by the department of public health; (xv) investigating the need for new criminal statutes to hold perpetrators of illicit drink spiking accountable.

(d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than 90 days after the effective day of this act. The taskforce shall hold its first meeting no later than 150 days after the effective date of this act. The task force shall meet no less than quarterly per calendar year. The task force shall prepare its findings and recommendations, together with drafts of legislation or regulations necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the joint committee on public health not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act.

(e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of public health shall produce a comprehensive list of known substances in illicit drink spiking incidents and publish on the department webpage. The department shall provide resources on known substances used in illicit drink spiking incidents to serve as an informational source for the general public on the department webpage. The department shall provide on said website all available resources to individuals who suspect they have been a victim of involuntary consumption of a drug commonly used for drug-facilitated sexual assault. The department shall provide on said website a list of victim rights under current law to educate victims about their legal rights as victims of illicit drink spiking, including but not limited to an evidence-based risk assessment. The department shall update said website to ensure all information is updated and relevant at least 4 times per calendar year. The department shall develop and maintain an illicit drink spiking portal and hotline available on said website for the purpose of reporting incidents of illicit drink spiking. The department shall collect and track data provided via the illicit drink spiking portal and hotline. The department shall make data on incidents of illicit drink spiking publicly available on its website.

SECTION __. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of public health shall develop regulations requiring all hospitals to issue an evidence based testing sample to test for the presence of a substance used in illicit drink spiking upon request by the patient exhibiting symptoms of an illicit drink spiking incident or by any patient exhibiting symptoms of illicit drink spiking in the emergency room. The department shall promulgate guidance on cost sharing and insurance coverage relative to treatment of a victim of a confirmed or suspected illicit drink spiking incident to hospital facilities across the commonwealth. The department shall promulgate guidance detailing best practices for standardizing care and testing for suspected or confirmed victims of illicit drink spiking at hospital facilities across the commonwealth, regardless of whether or not a sexual assault has occurred. The department shall determine mechanisms for enforcing implementation of this guidance across the hospital setting. The department shall develop best practices determined for the purpose of training nurses and hospital personnel to identify signs of an individual experiencing an illicit drink spiking incident. The department may collect and track data on the location, victim demographics, and other relevant data factors of confirmed incidents of illicit drink spiking that are reported to the department.

(b) The department shall develop and launch a strategic and comprehensive public awareness campaign to inform the public about the prevalence and danger of illicit drink spiking through the department's website, digital and social media, traditional media, and other media, provided that the department may partner with relevant advocacy organizations, employers, boards of health, institutions of higher education and community groups to ensure that the campaign reaches the populations that are most at risk of being targeted for illicit drink spiking and includes evidence-based and culturally relevant response and safety tips for patrons at bars, restaurants, and nightlife establishments. The department shall launch said public awareness campaign no later than 1 year after the effective date of this act.

SECTION __. Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 121 1/2 the following section:-

Section 122. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Drug testing devices" means test strips, stickers, straws, and other devices designed to detect the presence of controlled substances in a drink.

"Controlled substances" includes, but is not limited to, flunitrazepam, ketamine, and gamma hydroxybutyric acid, also known by other names, including GHB, gamma hydroxybutyrate, 4-hydroxybutyrate, 4-hydroxybutanoic acid, sodium oxybate, and sodium oxybutyrate.

(b) The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, as defined in section 70 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, in concert with the department of public health shall design and disseminate a notice that provides information and guidance to patrons relative to preventing and responding to an illicit drink spiking incident. Any bar, club, restaurant or establishment licensed under section 12 of chapter 138 of the Generals Laws shall post the notice in a prominent and conspicuous location. At least 1 sign shall be posted conspicuously in every publicly accessible bathroom.

(c) Any bar, club, restaurant or establishment licensed under section 12 of chapter 138 of the Generals Laws shall offer for sale to their customers drug testing devices at a cost not to exceed a reasonable amount based on the wholesale cost of those devices.

(d) Any bar, club, or restaurant licensed under section 12 of chapter 138 of the Generals Laws may offer drug testing devices for controlled substances to their customers free of charge.

(e) Any bar, club, or restaurant licensed under section 12 of chapter 138 of the Generals Laws shall not be held liable for a defective test or inaccurate test result, including, but not limited to, a false positive or false negative test result.

(f) Any bar, club, or restaurant licensed under section 12 of chapter 138 of the Generals Laws shall ensure that all testing devices offered to customers have not exceeded their expiration date or recommended period of use, according to the product label, product packaging, or otherwise recommended by the manufacturer.

(g) A violation of this section is not a crime.

(h) The commission shall post on its webpage information about the requirements of this section, including, but not limited to the signage that is required to be posted and the types of drug testing devices that are required to be available on a licensed premise."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Barrett moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 44, by striking out, 483
in lines 588 to 590, inclusive, the words "but shall not be required to comply with the specialized stretch energy code or the municipal opt-in specialized stretch energy code established pursuant to section 6 of chapter 25A" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "; provided, however, that a municipality that has adopted the specialized stretch energy code pursuant to section 6 of chapter 25A may require any such adaptive reuse commercial conversion project to comply with the stretch energy code or said municipal opt-in specialized stretch energy code".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crighton, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Payano, Gómez and Keenan and Ms. Creem 495
moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3221 relative to Juvenile Jurisdiction.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Driscoll moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 43, line 498, by 505
adding after the word "paragraph" the following:- "; provided further, that a municipality may require a developer or property owner to apply for and receive a special permit prior to the construction of a duplex on a lot zoned for single-family residential use if said municipality has declared a water emergency within the previous three years."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Edwards and Mr. Cronin moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting 506
after section ___ the following sections:_ -

"SECTION ___. Notwithstanding sections 93 and 94 of chapter 221; section 6 of chapter211A; sections 53, 58, and 79 of chapter 218; section 35A of chapter 217; section 14 of chapter 185 and section 9A of chapter 185C, section 28D1/2 of chapter 278 or any other general or special law or by-law to the contrary, the salaries of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the Commonwealth, the Clerk of the of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, the Clerk of the Appeals Court, the Clerks in the Superior Court, the Clerks of the Boston Municipal Court; the Clerks in the Juvenile Department; the Clerks in the District Court Department; the Registers of the Probate and Family Court Department; the Recorder of the Land Court Department; and the Clerks of the Housing Court Department shall be 84.57 percent of the salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

SECTION ___. Section 14 of chapter 185 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, "81.57 per cent of the chief justice of said department" and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the Chief Justice of the supreme judicial court.

SECTION ___. Section 9A of chapter 185C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, "81.57 per cent of the chief justice of said department" and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the chief justice of the supreme Judicial Court.

SECTION ___. Section 22 of chapter 211 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure "$232,101" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $242,101.

SECTION ___. Section 22 of chapter 211 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure "$242,101" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $257,101.

SECTION ___. Said section 22 of said chapter 211 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure "$226,187" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $236,187.

SECTION ___. Said section 22 of said chapter 211 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure "$236,187" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $251,187.

SECTION ___. Section 2 of chapter 211A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure "$219,856" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $229,856.

SECTION ___. Section 2 of chapter 211A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure "$229,856" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $244,856.

SECTION ___. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure "$213,924" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $223,924.

SECTION ___. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure "$223,924" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $238,924.

SECTION ___. Section 6 of said chapter 211A is hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the following: "81.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of said court" and inserting in place thereof the following:- 84.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of the supreme judicial court.

SECTION ___. Section 4 of chapter 211B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the figure "$207,855" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $217,855.

SECTION ___. Section 4 of chapter 211B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the figure "$217,855" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $232,855

SECTION ___. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 5, the figure "$213,966" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $223,966.

SECTION ___. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 5, the figure "$223,966" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $238,966.

SECTION ___. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 7, the figure "$220,160" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $230,160.

SECTION ___. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 7, the figure "$230,160" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $245,160.

SECTION ___. Section 35A of chapter 217 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the following: "81.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of the department" and inserting in place thereof the following:- 84.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of the supreme judicial court.

SECTION ___. Section 53 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the following "81.57 of the salary of the chief justice of the department" and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of the supreme judicial court.

SECTION ___. Section 58 of said chapter 218 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 94, the following "81.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of said department" and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of the supreme judicial court.

SECTION ___. Section 79 of said chapter 218 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the following: "81.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of said department" and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of the supreme judicial court.

SECTION ___. Section 93 of said chapter 221 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure "81.57" and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57.

SECTION ___. Section 94 of said chapter 221 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the figure "81.57" and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57.

SECTION ___. Said section 94 of said chapter 221 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 20, the following "81.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of said department" and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of the supreme judicial court.

SECTION ___. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 of this act shall be effective on April 1, 2027.

SECTION ___. Sections 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, and 18 this act shall take effect on July 1, 2027."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Montigny *moved that the proposed new text* be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8080, by adding the following words:- "; and provided further, that no grant funding shall be administered until the special commission established in section 153 reports findings and recommendations to the legislature and the attorney general promulgates regulations pursuant to chapter 93M". 528

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Montigny, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Gómez, Ms. Rausch, Messrs. Durant, Keenan, Driscoll and Mark, Ms. Jehlen, Mrs. Dooner and Messrs. Brady and O'Connor *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by adding the following section:- 531

"SECTION 38A. Section 8B of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first to third sentences, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following 3 sentences:- A city by ordinance or a town by by-law may establish a council on aging for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs and delivering services designed to meet the needs of older adults, in coordination with programs of the executive office of aging and independence. A council established pursuant to this section shall submit an annual report to the city or town and shall send a copy thereof to the executive office of aging and independence. The executive office shall from time-to-time review and evaluate such reports and make recommendations as to any required or needed changes in the local programs included in the reports. A council established pursuant to this section may appoint such staff and other employees as it may require; provided, however, that if the council is an advisory council, the director may appoint staff and other employees as it may require, consistent with municipal needs."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by adding the following section:- 546

"SECTION __. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of energy and environmental affairs shall collaborate with the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission, doing business as the New Bedford Port Authority, to develop and report on proposed adjustments to the New Bedford harbor line, as established by chapter 80 of the acts of 1929 and as amended by chapter 477 of the acts of 1989, for the exclusive purpose of repairing waterfront bulkhead located at 40 Herman Melville Boulevard in the city of New Bedford which is vital for economic development and the commercial fishing industry. Proposed adjustments to the harbor line shall not extend beyond the property located at 40 Herman Melville Boulevard except for any reasonable distance necessary to achieve the purpose under this section. The executive office shall file its report with the joint committee on environment and natural resources and the senate committee on post audit and oversight no later than 60 days after the effective date of this act.".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. DiDomenico, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Collins, Lewis and Eldridge, Ms. Howard, Ms. Jehlen and Ms. Lovely *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3222 relative to Establishing a Physical Therapy Compact. 402

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by striking section 137 in its entirety. 561

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Collins *moved that the proposed new text* be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to United South End Settlements for classroom renovations to support its high-quality early education and economic mobility programming"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 564

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins *moved that the proposed new text* be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by inserting the following:- "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción, Inc. for upgrades to its community center, La CASA: The Center for Arts, Self-determination, and Activism, to support youth programming, evidence-based education and financial empowerment services"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,100,000". 569

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins *moved that the proposed new text* be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to St. Mary's Center for Women and Children, Inc. in the city of Boston for shelter renovation and construction"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$600,000". 570

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins *moved that the proposed new text* be amended, in Section 3A, in item 7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Inc. for The Colonel Daniel Marr 571

Clubhouse in the city of Boston to modernize infrastructure to allow for full inclusion and physical accessibility; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the Cape Verdean Association of Boston Inc. for the design, construction and acquisition of a community center to support its community programming; provided further, $500,000 shall be expended to the Easter Seals Massachusetts, Inc. for the MassAbility Assistive Technology Independent Living Program and Assistive Technology Regional Centers to provide training and to purchase equipment for people with disabilities, veterans and older adults to help them live, work and learn independently; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to The Boston Home, Inc. for infrastructure improvements at their wheelchair enhancement center to support on-site repairs and modifications for power wheelchairs"; and by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$3,100,000".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem and Messrs. Tarr, O'Connor, Eldridge, Montigny, Collins and Fattman 81
moved that the proposed new text be amended in section 107, by adding after proposed section 250 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, the following section:-

"Section 251. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

"AED", as defined in section 12V1/2 of chapter 112.

"Facility", a public stadium, sports center or gymnasium used for an athletic or sporting event.

(b) Subject to appropriation, a facility shall have at least 1 AED on the premises during any athletic or sporting events taking place at the facility. The operator of such facility shall make a good faith effort to identify readily available volunteers to serve as AED providers who are present at such facility during athletic or sporting events.

(c) The department of public health shall develop and implement a public information campaign to promote awareness of public access to AEDs and the importance of early access to defibrillation, including, but not limited to: (i) educating the general public on AEDs; (ii) establishing online resources with AED training opportunities in the commonwealth; and (iii) performing targeting outreach to populations who may lack access to information concerning AEDs in the commonwealth.

(d) A placard shall be installed at every facility entryway with a map of the location of any AED at such facility.

(e) The department of public health shall promulgate regulations to implement this section.".

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Howard, Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Tarr *moved that the proposed new* 192
text be amended in Section 2, in section 3A, by inserting after item 7002-8087 the following item:-

"7002-8088 For the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, for the center of excellence in nuclear and fusion technology, established in section 48 of chapter 75 of the General Laws, to fund the activities and research initiatives of the center and to provide grants and contracts supporting nuclear fission and fusion research initiatives including, but not limited to, the LIBRA ONE project as defined under said section 48 of said chapter 75; provided, that such initiatives may include the design, construction and operation of experimental apparatus, the procurement of specialized materials and equipment, personnel costs for researchers and graduate students and associated administrative costs; and provided further, that the University of Massachusetts at Lowell shall administer funds, including grants and contracts, in this item and may enter into contracts with other public and private institutions of higher education to carry out the objectives of the center..................... $5,000,000"; and

by inserting after section 84 the following section:-

"SECTION 84A. Chapter 75 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following 2 sections:-

Section 48. (a) As used in this section and section 49, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-"Center", the center of excellence in nuclear and fusion technology established in subsection (b).

"Fission energy technology", technology related to the generation of energy through nuclear fission reactions including, but not limited to, reactor design, advanced and small modular reactor technologies, nuclear fuel cycle technologies, reactor materials and nuclear safety and security systems.

"Fusion energy technology", technologies related to the generation of energy through nuclear fusion reactions including, but not limited to, plasma physics, superconducting magnet systems, tritium breeding and handling, inertial confinement fusion and fusion-fission hybrid systems.

"LIBRA ONE project", the tritium breeder blanket research program focused on the development of lithium-based tritium breeding systems for use in commercial fusion reactors.

"PSFC", the plasma science and fusion center of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"University", the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

(b) There is hereby established within the university the center of excellence in nuclear and fusion technology. The center shall serve as the commonwealth's primary institution for interdisciplinary research, workforce training and public-private collaboration in nuclear fission and fusion energy technology, including, but not limited to, the LIBRA ONE project. The center shall be administered by the university, which may enter into contracts, subgrant agreements and other cooperative arrangements with other public and private institutions of higher education, national laboratories and research entities to carry out the objectives of the center. The center shall operate under the oversight of the university's board of trustees, which shall appoint an executive director.

(c) The center shall be responsible for:-

(i) conducting basic and applied research in nuclear fission and fusion energy technology, including reactor science, plasma science, superconducting magnet engineering, tritium science, materials science and related fields;

(ii) developing and operating laboratory facilities, experimental platforms and test beds for fission and fusion energy research including, but not limited to, the LIBRA ONE project;

(iii) providing undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral educational programs and workforce training in nuclear fission and fusion energy technology to support the commonwealth's nuclear energy sector;

(iv) fostering partnerships with private fission and fusion companies, national laboratories and other research universities in the commonwealth and nationwide;

(v) supporting the commercialization of fission and fusion energy technologies developed at or in partnership with the center; and

(vi) serving as a resource to state agencies on nuclear fission and fusion energy policy, regulation and economic development.

(d) Annually, not later than September 1, the center shall submit a report detailing the center's activities, research programs, industry partnerships, workforce outcomes and financial status. The report shall be submitted to the governor and filed with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives.

Section 49. (a) The university may enter into a contract or other agreement with the PSFC to carry out the LIBRA ONE project consistent with the objectives of the center established in section 48. An entity performing work under such a contract shall submit to the university a progress report detailing: (i) the use of prior-year grant funds; (ii) the current status of LIBRA ONE project milestones; (iii) the number of graduate students and post-doctoral researchers supported by the grant; and (iv) any publications, intellectual property filings or industry partnerships resulting from grant-funded work. The university shall transmit such progress reports to the executive office of economic development and may withhold further disbursement pending receipt and review of a satisfactory progress report.

(b) Upon completion of the LIBRA ONE project or expiration of the grant term, whichever occurs first, the University shall submit a final report to the governor, the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies and the senate and house committees on ways and means, summarizing the scientific outcomes of the project, its implications for fission and fusion energy commercialization in the commonwealth and recommendations for future state investment in nuclear fission and fusion energy technologies, as defined in section 48."

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Fattman, Tarr and O'Connor *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by 428
inserting after section x the following sections:-

"SECTION X. Section 52E of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of "abusive behavior" the following 2 definitions:-

"Client employer", a business entity that obtains or is provided workers to perform labor or services within its usual course of business from a third party, including, but not limited to, a staffing agency as defined in section 159C.

"Contract worker", an individual who performs labor or services for a client employer but is not considered an employee under section 148B, including individuals who are contracted for work by client employers.

SECTION X. Said section 52E of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 36, the words "shall permit an employee" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "or a client employer shall permit an employee or a contract worker"."

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by inserting after section x the following section:-

"SECTION X. Section 16B of chapter 62C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 32 after the words 'total tax collected during the filing period', the following:- 'or if an entity has engaged in willful ignorance of the implementation of this section and other guidance issued by the department of revenue, or if fines and penalties have caused hardship.'."

Ms. Lovely, Messrs. Fattman and Tarr, Mrs. Dooner and Messrs. Durant, O'Connor and 428.1
Velis moved that the pending amendment (Fattman) be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

By inserting after section 134 the following 2 sections:-

"SECTION 134A. Section 52E of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of 'abusive behavior' the following 2 definitions:-

'Client employer', a business entity that obtains or is provided workers to perform labor or services within its usual course of business from a third party, including, but not limited to, a staffing agency as defined in section 159C.

'Contract worker", an individual who performs labor or services for a client employer but is not considered an employee under section 148B, including individuals who are contracted for work by client employers.

SECTION 134B. Said section 52E of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 36, the words 'shall permit an employee' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 'or a client employer shall permit an employee or a contract worker'."

After remarks, the further amendment was adopted.

The pending amendment (Fattman) was then adopted, as amended

Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Comerford, Messrs. Mark, Keenan, Tarr, Cronin, O'Connor, Brady 18
and Montigny and Ms. Lovely *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 153 the following section:-

"SECTION 153A. (a) The department of higher education, in collaboration with the executive office for administration and finance, shall study and report on adjunct faculty at public institutions of higher education across the commonwealth, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) current data and practices for utilization of adjunct faculty; (ii) compensation and benefits available to adjunct faculty members and other professional staff at such public institutions, including, but not limited to, benefits available through spouses and through other employment; (iii) best practices in employment and compensation of adjunct faculty in other states; (iv) recommendations for hiring full-time faculty and for achieving a balanced utilization of adjunct faculty; and (v) options to provide adjunct faculty members with benefits including, but not limited to, health insurance and retirement benefits that are available to other benefited public employees and projected costs for such options; provided, however, that such options shall include, but not be limited to, cost estimates, potential funding mechanisms and eligibility criteria.

(b) The department shall hold not less than 3 public hearings, including but not limited to, opportunities for participation by representatives of the University of Massachusetts, state universities, community colleges, adjunct faculty, faculty unions, students and campus administrators.

(c) Not later than September 1, 2028, the department shall file a report of its findings, recommendations and any proposed legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the senate and house committees on ways and means and shall publish it on its website.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr, Ms. Comerford, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Dooner and Mr. Velis *moved that the* 34
proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 134 the following section:-

"SECTION 134A. Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 29C, the following new section:-

Section 29C1/2. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:-

'Service provider', a person providing services under a snow removal and ice control services contract.

'Service receiver', a person receiving services under a snow removal and ice control services contract.

'Snow removal and ice control services contract', a contract or agreement for the performance of: (i) plowing, shoveling or other removal of snow or other mixed precipitation from a surface; (ii) de-icing services; or (iii) a service incidental to an activity described in item (i) or (ii), including operating or otherwise moving snow removal or de-icing equipment or materials.

(b) A provision in or in connection with a snow removal and ice control services contract is against public policy and void if it requires, or has the effect of requiring: (i) a service provider to indemnify or hold harmless a service receiver from tort liability for damages resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of the service receiver or the service receiver's agents or employees; or (ii) a service receiver to indemnify or hold harmless a service provider from tort liability for damages resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of the service provider or the service provider's agents or employees.".

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Mark, Moore and Velis, Ms. Comerford, Messrs. Driscoll and O'Connor, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Montigny *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 109, the following section:- 94

"SECTION 109A. Section 54B of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 24, the words 'or 29D' and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- ', 29D or 29E"'; and

By inserting after section 137 the following 8 sections:-

"SECTION 137A. Section 29B of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

(f) Whoever with lascivious intent disseminates child sexual abuse material, knowing the contents of such material or having sufficient facts in their possession to have knowledge of the contents thereof, or whoever has in their possession any such child sexual abuse material knowing the contents or having sufficient facts in their possession to have knowledge of the contents thereof, with the intent to disseminate the same, shall be punished by imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 10 years or by a fine of not less than $10,000 nor more than $50,000 or 3 times the monetary value of any economic gain derived from said dissemination, whichever is greater, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 137B. Section 29C of said chapter 272, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'possesses', in line 1, the following words:- child sexual abuse material as defined in section 31, or.

SECTION 137C. Section 29D of said chapter 272, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure '29C', in line 4, the following words:- or creates, adapts, modifies or generates child sexual abuse material in violation of section 29E.

SECTION 137D. Said section 29D of said chapter 272, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the figure '29C', in line 26, the following figure:- , 29E.

SECTION 137E. Said chapter 272 is hereby amended by inserting after section 29D the following section:

Section 29E. Whoever with lascivious intent knowingly creates, adapts, modifies or generates child sexual abuse material, or knowingly directs, instructs, prompts or otherwise causes any other person, computer program, model, artificial intelligence system or other technology to create, adapt, modify or generate child sexual abuse material, shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years, or by imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 5 years, or by a fine of not less than $10,000 nor more than $50,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment; provided, however, that if the child sexual abuse material depicts an identifiable minor, such person shall be punished by imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 10 years, or by a fine of not less than $10,000 nor more than $50,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 137F. Section 31 of said chapter 272, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 to 3, inclusive, the words "twenty-eight, twenty-eight C, twenty-eight D, twenty-eight E, twenty-nine, twenty-nine A, twenty-nine B, thirty and thirty D" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- '28, 28C, 28D, 28E, 29, 29A, 29B, 29E, 30, 30D and 31'.

SECTION 137G. Said section 31 of said chapter 272, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting before the definition of 'Disseminate' the following definition:-

'Child sexual abuse material', any visual material: (i) the production of which involved the use of an actual minor engaged in sexual conduct; (ii) that is a digital image, computer image or computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from, an authentic representation or reproduction of a minor: (A) engaged in sexual conduct or in a state of nudity; and (B) that is obscene; or (iii) that has been created, adapted, modified or generated to show or depict an identifiable minor in a state of nudity or engaged in sexual conduct.

SECTION 137H. Said section 31 of said chapter 272, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "harmful to minors" the following 2 definitions:-

'Identifiable minor', an actual person who: (i)(A) was a minor at the time the visual material was created, adapted, modified or generated; or (B) whose image as a minor was used in creating, adapting, modifying or generating the visual material; and (ii) is recognizable as an actual person by the person's face, likeness or other distinguishing characteristics; provided, however, that the term "identifiable minor" shall not be construed to require proof of the actual identity of the identifiable minor.

'Indistinguishable', when used with respect to visual material, means that the depiction is such that a reasonable person viewing the material would conclude that it depicts an actual minor engaged in sexual conduct; provided, however, that this definition shall not apply to depictions that are drawings, cartoons, sculptures or paintings."

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Comerford and Messrs. O'Connor, Cyr, Oliveira, Eldridge, Keenan and Tarr *moved* 166
that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 153 the following section:-

"SECTION 153A. (a) There shall be a special legislative commission to study and develop a comprehensive framework for the creation of a municipal and public safety building authority, an independent state authority dedicated to assisting municipalities with the construction and rehabilitation of public safety and municipal buildings.

(b) The commission shall consist of 2 members of the senate appointed by the senate president; 2 members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house; 1 member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; the secretary of administration and finance or a designee; the director of rural affairs or a designee; 2 members appointed by the governor with demonstrated expertise in municipal finance, public facility planning or design or municipal infrastructure; the state treasurer or a designee; 3 representatives of Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc. representing diverse geographic regions and forms of local government in the commonwealth; 1 representative of Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; 1 representative of Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Incorporated; 1 representative of Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts, Inc.; 1 representative of Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.; and 1 representative of the New England Chapter of the American Public Works Association, who shall be a resident of the commonwealth. The commission shall elect a chair by a majority vote of the members.

(c) The commission shall examine the need for an independent authority dedicated to assisting municipalities with the construction and rehabilitation of public safety and municipal buildings and related funding mechanisms, technical assistance, priority assessments and financial impacts. The commission shall review all aspects of municipal building infrastructure, including, but not limited to, city and town halls, public safety facilities, public works facilities, emergency operations centers, emergency communications facilities and other municipal buildings owned or operated by cities and towns. The commission shall examine:

(i) the current status of and mechanisms for funding municipal building infrastructure and whether the current funding mechanisms adequately meet the needs for municipal building infrastructure;

(ii) the need and feasibility of designing a governance and operational model for an independent municipal building authority modeled after successful state building programs, including, but not limited to, the Massachusetts School Building Authority established pursuant to chapter 70B of the General Laws;

(iii) sustainable, long-term revenue sources to support the long-term operations of the authority;

(iv) protocols for providing municipalities with technical assistance including, but not limited to, architectural, engineering, procurement, capital planning, project management, maintenance planning, facility assessment, sustainability and climate resilience planning, throughout all phases of public building projects;

(v) objective criteria for evaluating and prioritizing municipal projects based upon life safety, structural condition, code compliance, accessibility, climate resiliency, climate adaptation, deferred maintenance, operational efficiency, regional significance, public service impacts and overall community benefit;

(vi) cost-sharing formulas and grant and loan structures to ensure equitable access for all cities and towns; and

(vii) the feasibility of creating and maintaining a comprehensive statewide inventory of municipal and public safety buildings.

(d) Not later than September 1, 2028, the commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the senate and house committees on ways and means."

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr and Fernandes *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting 205
the text of Senate document numbered 3223 relative to First-Time Homebuyers.

Messrs. Fernandes and Cyr *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting 237
after section 59 the following 27 sections:-

"SECTION 59A. Section 1 of chapter 40X of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of 'Lead jurisdiction' and inserting in place thereof the following 2 definitions:-

'Governing body', the city council or board of aldermen in a city or the board of selectmen or town council in a town or the board of commissioners or executive body in a county.

"Lead jurisdiction", the city, town or county in which the tourism destination marketing district petition is filed.

SECTION 59B. Said section 1 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the definition of "Municipal governing body.

SECTION 59C. Said section 1 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "municipality", in line 29, the following words:- or county..

SECTION 59D. Section 2 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "municipal".

SECTION 59E. Section 3 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "municipality", in line 4, the following words:- or county.

SECTION 59F. Said section 3 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 32, the words "or towns" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- , towns or counties.

SECTION 59G. Said section 3 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 36, the words "city or town's" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- city, town or county's.

SECTION 59H. Section 4 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word "municipal".

SECTION 59I. Said section 4 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 13 and 14, the words "municipality's website" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the website of the city, town or county.

SECTION 59J. Said section 4 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 19 and 23, the word "municipal".

SECTION 59K. Said section 4 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 31 and lines 32 and 33, the words "local municipal".

SECTION 59L. Said section 4 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 38, the word "municipal".

SECTION 59M. Said section 4 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 56 and 57, the words "municipality's website" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- website of the city, town or county.

SECTION 59N. Said section 4 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 101, the word "municipal".

SECTION O. Said section 4 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 110, the words "local municipal".

SECTION 59P. Section 5 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby amended, by striking out, in line 16, the word "municipal".

SECTION 59Q. Section 7 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "municipal".

SECTION 59R. Section 8 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word "municipal".

SECTION 59S. Said section 8 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 7, the words "local municipal".

SECTION 59T. Said section 8 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 21 and 22, the word "municipal".

SECTION 59U. Section 9 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word "municipal".

SECTION 59V. Said section 9 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 12, the words "city or town's local municipal".

SECTION 59W. Said section 9 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 14, 20 and 21, 23, 29 and 39, the word "municipal".

SECTION 59X. Section 10 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3, 5, 15 and 16, 16 and 17, 19, 23 and 30, the words "local municipal".

SECTION 59Y. Said section 10 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 36, the word "municipally".

SECTION 59Z. Said section 10 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "municipality", in line 41, the following words:- or county.

SECTION 59AA. Section 11 of said chapter 40X, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, inclusive the words "local municipal".".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Montigny *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 539
138 the following section:-

SECTION 138A. Item 7066-8110 of section 2 of chapter 113 of the acts of 2018 is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'Bedford', as inserted by section 275 of chapter 238 of the acts of 2024, the following words:- "and for its renovation into an arts and culture community resource hub connecting downtown arts, commerce and entertainment to working waterfront venues and activities and funds shall be made available through June 30, 2031".

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr, O'Connor and Fattman *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by 41
inserting at the end the following sections:-

"SECTION ___. Chapter 65A of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby repealed.

SECTION __. Chapter 65C of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby repealed.

SECTION __. The provisions of this act shall take effect for the estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027."

After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment 41 was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at twenty minutes past seven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 5 – nays 34) **[Yeas and Nays No. 211]:**

YEAS.

Dooner, Kelly A.
Durant, Peter J.
Fattman, Ryan C.
O'Connor, Patrick M.
Tarr, Bruce E. – **5.**

NAYS.

Barrett, Michael J.
Brady, Michael D.
Brownsberger, William N.
Collins, Nick
Comerford, Joanne M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone
Crighton, Brendan P.
Cronin, John J.
Cyr, Julian
DiDomenico, Sal N.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.
Edwards, Lydia
Eldridge, James B.
Feeney, Paul R.
Fernandes, Dylan A.
Finegold, Barry R.
Friedman, Cindy F.
Gómez, Adam
Howard, Vanna
Jehlen, Patricia D.
Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Robyn K.
Lewis, Jason M.
Lovely, Joan B.
Mark, Paul W.
Miranda, Liz
Montigny, Mark C.
Moore, Michael O.
Oliveira, Jacob R.
Payano, Pavel
Rausch, Rebecca L.
Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F.
Velis, John C. – **34.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-seven minutes past seven o'clock P.M., the amendment was *rejected.*

Messrs. Tarr and O'Connor *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting 235
after section _ the following sections:-

SECTION ___. Paragraph (b) of Part B of section 3 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subparagraphs (1), (1A), and (2) and inserting in place thereof the following 4 subparagraphs:—

(1) In the case of a single person or a married person filing a separate return: (A) a personal exemption of $5,500 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027 and before January 1, 2028; (B) a personal exemption of $6,600 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2028 and before January 1, 2029; (C) a personal exemption of $7,700 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2029 and before January 1, 2030; and (D) a personal exemption of $8,800 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2030.

(1A) In the case of a head of household, as defined under the provisions of section 2(b) of the Code, filing a separate return: (A) a personal exemption of $8,500 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027 and before January 1, 2028; (B) a personal exemption of $10,200 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2028 and before January 1, 2029; (C) a personal exemption of $11,900 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2029 and before January 1, 2030; and (D) a personal exemption of $13,600 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2030.

(2) In the case of a husband and wife filing a joint return: (A) a personal exemption of $11,000 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027 and before January 1, 2028; (B) a personal exemption of $13,200 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2028 and before January 1, 2029; (C) a personal exemption of $15,400 for taxable years beginning

on or after January 1, 2029 and before January 1, 2030; and (D) a personal exemption of $17,600 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2030.

After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment 235 was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at nineteen minutes before eight o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 7 – nays 32) **[Yeas and Nays No. 212]:**

YEAS.

Dooner, Kelly A.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Durant, Peter J.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Velis, John C. – **7.**
Montigny, Mark C.	

NAYS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Friedman, Cindy F.
Brady, Michael D.	Gómez, Adam
Brownsberger, William N.	Howard, Vanna
Collins, Nick	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Keenan, John F.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Lewis, Jason M.
Cronin, John J.	Lovely, Joan B.
Cyr, Julian	Mark, Paul W.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Miranda, Liz
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	Moore, Michael O.
Edwards, Lydia	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Eldridge, James B.	Payano, Pavel
Feeney, Paul R.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Finegold, Barry R.	Rush, Michael F. – **32.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at twelve minutes before eight o'clock P.M., the amendment was *rejected*.

Suspension of Senate Rule 38A

Mr. Keenan moved that Senate Rule 38A be suspended to allow the Senate to meet beyond the hour of 8:00 P.M.; and the same Senator requested unanimous consent that the rules be suspended without a call of the yeas and nays. There being no objection, the motion was considered forthwith, and it was adopted. Senate Rule 38A.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The House bill relative to economic development in the commonwealth (House, No. 5576),-- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Messrs. Cronin and Cyr, Ms. Rausch and Ms. Edwards *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section ___ the following section:- 135

"SECTION ___. Section 3 of said Chapter 40A, as so appearing, is amended by inserting the following paragraph:

No zoning ordinance or by-law shall impose minimum automobile parking requirements on new residential developments that are located not more than .5 miles from a commuter rail station, ferry terminal or bus station and no more than 1 parking space per unit shall be required for new residential units, including but not limited to multifamily housing, developed on land that is more than .5 miles from a commuter rail station, ferry terminal or bus station; provided, that no minimum parking requirements shall be imposed on residential facilities primarily serving seniors, including assisted living communities and nursing homes."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Montigny, Tarr and Payano *moved that the proposed new text* be amended in section 106, by striking out, in line 1289, the word "chapter" in inserting in place thereof the following words:- "2 chapters"; and 526

In said section 106, by inserting after proposed chapter 93M of the General Laws the following chapter:-

"CHAPTER 93N

USE OF CHATBOTS BY COMMERCIAL ENTITIES

Section 1. As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

'Chatbot', an automated program designed to simulate conversation with human users whether through the use of generative artificial intelligence or other similar technology; provided, however, that the program may use audio, visual or textual methods, or a combination thereof, to communicate with human users.

Section 2. Any commercial entity deploying a chatbot shall clearly and conspicuously disclose to the person with whom the chatbot interacts that the person is interacting with a chatbot and not a human.

Section 3. In addition to any other remedies that may be available, a violation of this chapter shall be deemed to be an unfair method of competition and an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce in violation of section 2 of chapter 93A.".

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Rush, Moore, Lewis, Mark, Montigny and Collins and Ms. Edwards *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3224 relative to 471

Frontier AI Risk Reports and Independent Verification.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger, Ms. Jehlen and Mr. Keenan *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 39 the following 2 sections:- 157

"SECTION 39A. Section 21D of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 44, the word "mailing" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- paying.

SECTION 39B. The fifth paragraph of said section 21D of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:- A city or town may use an online payment mechanism or other electronic payment system or service as an alternative to payment by mail.".

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Lewis and Barrett, Ms. Rausch, Mr. Collins, Ms. Miranda, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Oliveira, Ms. Comerford, Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Jehlen, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Mark, Payano, Driscoll and Gómez, Ms. Friedman and Messrs. DiDomenico, Feeney and Brady *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 71 the following section:- 14

"SECTION 71A. Section 6 of chapter 62F of the General Laws, as so appearing , is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

A credit under this section shall not be allowed if, as determined by the department of revenue, the net state tax revenues in the fiscal year are less than 7.5 per cent of the total statewide personal income for the calendar year ending in the fiscal year as determined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis in the United States Department of Commerce."

After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment 14 was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at twenty-eight minutes past eight o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 31 – nays 8) **[Yeas and Nays No. 213]:**

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.
Brady, Michael D.
Brownsberger, William N.
Collins, Nick
Comerford, Joanne M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone
Crighton, Brendan P.
Cronin, John J.
Cyr, Julian
DiDomenico, Sal N.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.
Edwards, Lydia
Eldridge, James B.
Feeney, Paul R.
Fernandes, Dylan A.
Finegold, Barry R.
Friedman, Cindy F.
Gómez, Adam
Howard, Vanna
Jehlen, Patricia D.
Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Robyn K.
Lewis, Jason M.
Lovely, Joan B.
Mark, Paul W.
Miranda, Liz
Oliveira, Jacob R.
Payano, Pavel
Rausch, Rebecca L.
Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F. — **31.**

NAYS.

Dooner, Kelly A.
Durant, Peter J.
Fattman, Ryan C.
Montigny, Mark C.
Moore, Michael O.
O'Connor, Patrick M.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. — **8.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-six minutes before nine o'clock P.M., the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tarr *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by striking section 43 in its 343
entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:-

"SECTION 43. Section 3 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph:-

In any city or town that accepts this paragraph, no zoning ordinance or by-law shall prohibit, unreasonably restrict or require a special permit or other discretionary zoning approval for the use of land or structures for a single duplex on lots zoned for residential use, or the rental thereof; provided, that the use of land or structures for duplexes may be subject to reasonable regulations, including, but not limited to, 310 CMR 15.000 et seq., if applicable, site plan review and regulations concerning dimensional setbacks and the bulk and height of structures; provided further, that regulations concerning the height of a duplex do not limit height to less than 3 stories; provided further, that municipalities may establish uniform design guidelines for projects built under this paragraph. A local regulation, ordinance, or by-law shall not be more restrictive of duplexes than of single-family dwellings, and shall not, individually or cumulatively, render the development of a duplex physically or financially infeasible. A local regulation that is more restrictive than state minimum requirements shall be presumed unreasonable unless it addresses a specific, articulable concern that cannot be addressed by less restrictive means. Said regulations may impose restrictions and prohibitions on the operation of short-term rentals, pursuant to section 14 of chapter 64G and other applicable laws. For the purposes of this paragraph, duplexes shall mean 2 dwelling units on the same parcel or lot in attached, detached, or semi-detached arrangements that are designed for residential occupancy. The executive office of housing and livable communities may issue guidelines or promulgate regulations to administer this paragraph."

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, Payano, O'Connor and Eldridge *moved that the proposed new text* be 118
amended by inserting after section 137 the following section:-

"SECTION 137A. Chapter 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 20. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

'Disrupter technology', a tool, device or system designed to disable, neutralize or dispose of an explosive device or incendiary device or suspected explosive or incendiary device.

'Robotic device', a device capable of locomotion, navigation, movement or flight that operates at a distance from its operator or supervisor based on commands or in response to sensor data, or a combination of both, including, but not limited to, an uncrewed aerial vehicle.

'Weapon', a device designed to threaten or cause death, incapacitation or physical injury to a person, including, but not limited to, firearms, chemical agents or irritants, kinetic impact projectiles, weaponized lasers and explosive devices; provided, however, that "weapon" shall not include disrupter technology for purposes of this section.

(b)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly manufacture, modify, sell, transfer, possess or operate a robotic device equipped or mounted with a weapon. Whoever violates this subsection shall be punished by imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 5 years or in a house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years.

(2) Whoever, after having been convicted of an offense under paragraph (1), commits a second offense under this subsection, shall be punished by imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 7 years, for a third such offense, by imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 10 years and for a fourth or subsequent such offense, by imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 15 years.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person, whether or not acting under color of law, to knowingly use a robotic device to: (i) threaten to commit a crime; (ii) criminally harass another person in violation of section 43A of chapter 265; or (iii) physically restrain or attempt to physically restrain another person. Whoever violates this subsection shall be punished by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years, by a fine of not more than $1,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment. Whoever, after having been convicted of an offense under this subsection, commits a second or subsequent offense under this subsection, shall be punished by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years or in a state prison for not more than 10 years, by a fine of not more than $15,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(d) This section shall not apply to:

(i) the United States department of defense or any of its departments, agencies or units;

(ii) the Massachusetts National Guard;

(iii) robotic devices within the scope of a defense industrial company's contract with the United States department of defense or within the scope of a waiver issued pursuant to subsection (e);

(iv) robotic devices within the scope of a waiver issued pursuant to subsection (e) solely for the development or testing of technology intended to detect, prevent or mitigate the unauthorized weaponization of robotic devices; and

(v) robotic devices within the scope of a waiver issued pursuant to subsection (e) solely for educational, research or entertainment purposes.

(e) (1) The secretary of public safety and security may issue waivers from the requirements of this section.

(2) A person seeking a waiver under clauses (iii) to (v), inclusive, of subsection (d) shall apply to secretary in a form prescribed by the secretary. Such application shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the name and address of the applicant and of each person who will

manufacture, modify, sell, transfer, possess or operate a robotic device pursuant to the waiver; (ii) a description of each robotic device and each weapon to which the waiver will apply; (iii) the purpose for which the waiver is sought; and (iv) such other information as the secretary may require.

(3) The secretary shall not issue a waiver unless the secretary finds that: (i) the activity to be authorized is limited to a purpose described in clauses (iii) to (v), inclusive, of subsection (d); and (ii) the issuance of the waiver would not present an unreasonable risk to public safety.

(4) The secretary may suspend or revoke a waiver, after notice and an opportunity to be heard pursuant to chapter 30A, upon a finding that the holder of the waiver has violated this section, a term or condition of the waiver, or a regulation promulgated pursuant to this section. The secretary may summarily suspend a waiver pending a hearing, upon a finding that continued activity under the waiver presents an immediate threat to public safety.

(f) It shall not be a violation of this section for law enforcement agencies, as defined in section 1 of chapter 6E, or law enforcement officers as defined in said section 1 of said chapter 6E who are certified pursuant to section 4 of said chapter 6E, acting in the public performance of their duties, to possess or operate a robotic device equipped or mounted with a weapon or disrupter technology: (i) to destroy, defuse or dispose of explosives or incendiary devices or suspected explosives or incendiary devices; (ii) for the destruction of property when there is an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury; or (iii) for development, evaluation, testing, education or training relating to the uses permitted by clauses (i) and (ii); provided, however, that the officer's certification under section said section 4 of said chapter 6E, is not suspended, limited or restricted.

(g) A law enforcement agency or law enforcement officer that possesses or operates a robotic device equipped or mounted with a weapon or disrupter technology for the purposes described under subsection (f) shall be required to obtain a warrant or other legally required judicial authorization prior to deploying such robotic device: (i) onto private property in any situation in which a warrant would be required if the entry onto that property were made by a law enforcement officer; or (ii) to conduct surveillance or location tracking in any situation in which a warrant or other legally required judicial authorization would be required if such surveillance or tracking were conducted by a law enforcement officer or by means of other technology; provided, however, that law enforcement agencies may deploy a robotic device equipped or mounted with a weapon or disrupter technology without a warrant or other judicial authorization in situations where entry on the private property could be otherwise made, or surveillance or location tracking could otherwise be conducted, by a law enforcement officer or a law enforcement agency without a warrant or judicial authorization.

(h) On a quarterly basis, each law enforcement agency shall document each time it uses a robotic device equipped or mounted with a weapon or disrupter technology in a report to the executive office of public safety and security. The report shall include: (i) the date and time of the use; (ii) the scope and objective of the use; (iii) whether the robotic device was equipped or mounted with a weapon, disrupter technology or both; (iv) the permitted reason for use; and (v) whether a warrant or other legally required judicial authorization was obtained prior to the use of such robotic device. Annually, not later than March 31, the executive office of public safety and security shall publish the quarterly reports on its website.

(i) The secretary of public safety and security shall promulgate regulations and issue rules to administer this section."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 49 the following section:- 558

"SECTION 49A. Chapter 40A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 9A the following section:-

Section 9A 1/2. (a) As used in this section, 'Academic, research or medical facility' shall mean any building, structure or campus that is leased, owned, occupied or operated by:

(i) a public or private institution of higher education;

(ii) a hospital licensed by the commonwealth;

(iii) a dental, medical, public health, or scientific research institutions; or

(iv) a federal, state, or local government agency that conducts or supports medical, health, biomedical or scientific research or provides health care services.

(b) Any establishment defined in section 9A shall not be located within 500 square feet of an academic, research or medical facility."; and

By inserting after section 164 the following section:-

"SECTION 164A. Section 9A 1/2 of chapter 40A of the General Laws shall not apply to existing establishments."

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 38 the following 4 sections:- 327

"SECTION 38A. Chapter 30A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 20 the following section:-

Section 20A. (a) For the purposes of this section, 'adequate, alternative means of public access' shall mean measures that provide transparency and permit timely and effective public access to a hybrid public meeting of a public body, including, but not limited to, providing public access through telephone, internet or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the meeting while the proceedings are occurring.

(b) A public body may allow remote participation by any member for any meeting of the public body; provided, however, that: (i) if any member participates remotely, all votes taken shall be recorded as roll call votes; (ii) in a meeting conducted with a quorum of members participating both in person and remotely, voice votes may be taken upon a motion of the chair and a 2/3 roll call vote in the affirmative of the members present in the meeting; (iii) all members of a public body participating in the meeting, whether in person or remotely, shall be clearly audible; and (iv) for any meeting conducted with remote participation, the public body shall ensure that any party entitled to or required to appear before it may participate remotely.

(c) Members participating remotely in a meeting may vote and shall be considered present and in attendance for all purposes, including, but not limited to, for purposes of determining a quorum and for the purposes of section 23D of chapter 39.

(d) For any meeting conducted with remote participation, the public body shall make provisions to ensure adequate, alternative means of public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public; provided, however, that documents used for any such meeting shall be made available to the public before or at the time of the meeting; provided further, that for any such meeting where real-time participation by members of the public is permitted by any general or special law, charter, ordinance or by-law, adequate, alternative means of public access shall be provided to permit such remote participation; and provided, further, that a public body shall offer its selected adequate, alternative means of public access to meetings with remote participation without subscription, toll or similar charge to the public.

(e) The chief executive officer of a municipality shall develop, and the executive body of the municipality shall adopt, standards and guidelines for remote participation prior to any meeting with remote participation held pursuant to this section; provided, however, that public bodies that are not a department or subdivision of a city or town shall adopt standards and guidelines for remote participation prior to any meeting with remote participation held pursuant to this section.

SECTION 38B. Section 23 of said chapter 30A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(b)(1) An individual may file a complaint with a public body alleging violation of the open meeting law; provided, however, that the complaint:

(i) reasonably describes the circumstances constituting the alleged violation;

(ii) is filed with the public body within 20 business days of the date of the alleged violation;

(iii) includes the postal mail and, where available, the electronic contact information of the individual filing the complaint; and

(iv) is signed by the individual filing the complaint either in ink or in compliance with chapter 110G.

(2) Complaints shall be deemed received: (i) if filed by electronic mail, on the business day of submission if submitted by 4:00 p.m. or otherwise on the next business day; or (ii) 3 days after mailing via first class postal mail.

(3) A public body must meet to review and respond to a complaint not later than 14 business days after receipt thereof, confirm receipt of the complaint and identify any remedial actions taken or intended to be taken by the public body in response to the complaint; provided, however, that if a complainant files more than 12 complaints with the same public body within the same calendar year, or a complaint is otherwise unduly burdensome, the public body may file a petition with the attorney general seeking relief from the obligation to respond to the complaint. In determining whether to grant any such requested order requiring the public body to respond to the complaint, the attorney general may consider: (i) the previous record of compliance or non-compliance by the public body; (ii) the burden placed on the public body in responding to the complaint; (iii) any evidence of harassment or intimidation on the part of the complaints; (iv) the facts of the alleged violation; and (v) the number of complaints filed against the public body or other public bodies within the municipality. The attorney general may authorize an extension of time to the public body for the purpose of taking remedial action upon the written request showing good cause by the public body to grant the extension.

(4) The public body shall, within 14 business days of receipt of a complaint, unless granted an extension of time pursuant to paragraph (3), send a copy of the complaint to the attorney general and notify the attorney general of any remedial action.

(5) Any remedial action taken pursuant to paragraph (3) shall not be admissible as evidence against the public body in any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding related to the alleged violation.

SECTION 38C. Said section 23 of said chapter 30A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “a”, in line 19, the following words:- petition for review of an open meeting law.

SECTION 38D. Chapter 39 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10A the following section:-

Section 10B. (a) In a town having a representative town meeting form of government, the town moderator may request that the select board authorize remote participation for a town meeting. Such a request by the moderator to the select board shall be in writing and shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the moderator’s request to incorporate remote participation in 1 or more upcoming town meetings; (ii) the technology platform the moderator has identified for remote participation in town meeting; (iii) confirmation that the moderator has consulted with the local disability commission or coordinator for compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; and (iv) certification that: (A) the moderator has tested the remote participation method; and (B) the remote participation method satisfactorily enables the town meeting to be conducted in substantially the same manner as if the meeting occurred in-person and in accordance with the operational and functional requirements set forth in this section.

(b)(1) A decision to authorize remote participation for a town meeting shall be made by a select board not later than 10 business days prior to the town meeting or not later than 10 business days following receipt of a written request by the moderator, whichever is earlier.

(2) Not later than 3 business days following a decision to authorize remote participation for a town meeting, the select board shall issue adequate notice, pursuant to this paragraph, of a remote participation option to all town meeting members, known interested parties with business before the town meeting, and the public, consistent with applicable local rules and practices governing such notice; provided, however, that the notice shall include, but not be limited to, the date and time of the meeting and information necessary to request remote participation access, consistent with subsection (d); and provided further, that the notice shall be accompanied by the written request of the moderator submitted under subsection (a) and filed and posted in accordance with subsection (b) of section 10A of chapter 39.

(c) A remote participation method used by a town meeting for remote participation under this section shall: (i) strictly limit voting to only those confirmed by the town clerk to be eligible to vote at that meeting; provided, however, that each person deemed eligible to vote shall be provided with appropriate physical or technological participation credentials designed to allow remote participation of all eligible voters, establish regularity in administration and minimize inaccurate results or fraud; and (ii) enable:

(A) the moderator, town meeting members, town officials and any other interested parties to identify and hear the moderator and each speaker recognized by the moderator, whether participating remotely or in person;

(B) the moderator to determine whether a quorum is present;

(C) a town meeting member, town official or other individual authorized to participate in the meeting to request recognition by the moderator without prior authorization, consistent with applicable town meeting rules, bylaws, ordinances, charter or special acts; provided, however, that to the extent technologically feasible, the request shall be visible or audible to the town meeting members and the public in real time and upon review of the recording of the town meeting proceedings, consistent with clause (H);

(D) the moderator to determine when a town meeting member or other individual wishes to be recognized to speak, make a motion, raise a point of order or object to a request for unanimous consent, whether participating remotely or in person;

(E) the moderator to recognize a town meeting member, town official or other individual to speak and to enable that person to speak, whether participating remotely or in person;

(F) the moderator to conduct a recorded roll call vote; provided, however, that all roll call votes shall be kept with the minutes of the meeting and preserved in accordance with clause (H);

(G) any interested members of the public to access the meeting remotely for purposes of witnessing the deliberations and actions taken at the town meeting, consistent with applicable town meeting rules, bylaws, ordinances, charter or special acts; and

(H) the town meeting to be recorded; provided, however, that the recording shall be preserved and made publicly available on the town's website for not less than 90 days after the dissolution of the town meeting and until the official minutes of the meeting have been prepared by the town clerk.

(d) An individual seeking to participate remotely in a town meeting shall submit a remote participation request to the town clerk not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting; provided, however, that upon receipt of the request and verification of the requester's eligibility to participate in the town meeting, in consultation with the town moderator as applicable, the town clerk shall provide appropriate remote participation credentials, instructions and materials."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Brownsberger, Lewis and Velis, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Moore and Rush, Ms. 215
Jehlen and Mr. Collins *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3225 relative to Speed Camera Enforcement for School, Safety and Construction Zones.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Oliveira, Durant, Brady and Collins, 182
Ms. Rausch, Messrs. Driscoll, Gómez, Cronin, O'Connor, Mark and Keenan, Ms. Howard, Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Feeney, Ms. Lovely, Messrs. Rush and Moore, Ms. Comerford, Ms. Creem and Mr. Tarr *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 38 the following section:-

"SECTION 38A. Subdivision (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (g) the following paragraph:

(g1/4) Any member in service of the teachers' retirement system or any teacher who is a member of the Boston retirement system who: (i) reduced the member's employment as a teacher from full-time service to part-time service for the primary purpose of child-rearing; (ii) subsequently returned to full-time employment as a teacher; and (iii) has completed not less than 20 years of creditable service prior to such purchase, may purchase full-time creditable service for the period or periods of such part-time service; provided, however, that: (1) not more than 5 years of full-time service may be purchased for such period or periods of part-time service; (2) the board may require such documentation as it deems necessary to establish eligibility under this paragraph, including, but not limited to, birth certificates, adoption records or other evidence demonstrating that the reduction in employment was for the primary purpose of child-rearing; and (3) the purchase of full-time creditable service under this paragraph shall require payment by the member into the annuity savings fund of the relevant retirement system, in an amount equal to the difference between the regular deductions actually withheld from the member's regular compensation over the period of the member's part-time service and the amount that would have been withheld as regular deductions from the member's regular compensation for full-time employment over such period, plus buyback interest thereon, in 1 sum or in installments, upon such terms and conditions as the relevant retirement system may require.".

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Driscoll and O'Connor *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by 492
inserting after section 8 the following 3 sections:-

"SECTION 8A. Section 3A of chapter 23A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "gateway municipality" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

'Gateway municipality,' a municipality with: (i) a population greater than 35,000 and less than 250,000; (ii) a median household income below the commonwealth's average median household income; and (iii) a rate of educational attainment of a bachelor's degree or higher that is below the commonwealth's average.; and

SECTION 8B. Said section 3A of said chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Retention project" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

'Similarly situated community' a municipality determined by the secretary to be similarly situated to the gateway municipalities; provided, however, that the municipality has either a median household income below the commonwealth's average median household income or a rate of educational attainment of a bachelor's degree or higher that is below the commonwealth's average.

SECTION 8C. Said chapter 23A is hereby further amended by inserting after section 3A the following section:-

Section 3B. The executive office shall promulgate regulations to determine the communities that meet the definition of gateway municipality and similarly situated community. The executive office shall publish and update an official list of gateway municipalities and similarly situated communities not more than once every 3 years. A community may petition the executive office to be deemed a gateway community; provided, however, that if the executive office accepts the petition, the executive office shall immediately update the official list of gateway municipalities."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes, Ms. Comerford, Ms. Creem, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Cyr, Payano, Gómez, Oliveira and Velis, Ms. Rausch, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Cronin and Eldridge, Ms. Howard, Mr. Feeney and Ms. Lovely *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 132 the following section:-

"SECTION 132A. Said section 185D of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'stated', in line 27, the following words:- "as a per cent and."; and

By inserting after section 133 the following section:-

"SECTION 133A. Said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by adding the following section:-

Section 207.

(a) For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

'Entertainer', an individual, group or entity that performs at a live event.

'Live event', a musical performance, sporting event, theatrical production, comedy show or other entertainment event performed in person to an in-person audience in an arena, concert venue, festival or other location where a performance takes place, including, but not limited to, an event licensed under sections 181 and 182 or chapter 140; provided, however, that "live event" shall not include: (i) the broadcast or transmission of such an entertainment event attended exclusively via television, internet or other remote means; or (ii) in-person attendance at an entertainment event that consists of entertainment, whether live or recorded, that is observed by an audience solely via broadcast or transmission or by the playing of a recording, including, but not limited to, a showing of a film in a movie theater.

'Original ticket price', the price at which a ticket is first sold to the public as disclosed pursuant to section 185D, inclusive of a service charge, fee or surcharge but excluding taxes.

'Speculative ticket', a ticket to a live event that is not in the actual or constructive possession of a ticket business at the time of listing, sale or advertisement, including, but not limited to, tickets not owned by the ticket business or under contract to be transferred to the ticket business at the time of sale.

'Ticket business', a person or entity engaged in advertising, selling, reselling or facilitating a mechanism for parties to participate in the sale or resale of any ticket to a live event.

(b) A ticket business shall not sell or resell, offer for sale or resale or market or advertise for sale or resale a speculative ticket. This subsection shall not be construed to limit the sale of tickets for contingent future events, such as playoff games or upgrade opportunities offered directly to buyers on the primary market by venues or teams.

(c) A ticket business shall not resell, offer to resell or market or advertise the resale of any ticket for a price, exclusive of a service charge, fee or surcharge, greater than 110 per cent of the original ticket price; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to: (i) tickets for sporting events; or (ii) tickets sold under a written contract with explicit permission from the entertainer and venue allowing for the resale of tickets at a price, exclusive of a service charge, fee or surcharge, greater than 110 per cent of the original ticket price. Whenever applicable under this subsection, a ticket business shall disclose to consumers that the resale price of the ticket is limited to 110 per cent of the original ticket price.

(d) A ticket business shall neither state nor imply that its exchange, website or reselling platform is affiliated with or endorsed by a venue, team or entertainer, including by using swords including, but not limited to, "official" in promotional materials, social media promotions, search engine optimization, paid advertising or website addresses, unless the ticket business has the express written consent of the venue, team or entertainer.

(e) If a ticket business provides or makes available information about the number or percentage of available tickets for a live event, such information shall not be presented in a manner that is false or misleading as to the availability of tickets for sale by the ticket business or on the platforms of other ticket businesses.

(f) The office of consumer affairs and business regulation, in consultation with the commissioner of occupational licensure, shall promulgate regulations to implement this section.

(g) A violation of this section shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice under section 2 of chapter 93A."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Montigny *moved that the proposed new text* 160
be amended by inserting after section 137 the following section:-

"SECTION 137A. Chapter 231 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 85AA the following section:-

Section 85BB. (a) In all actions to recover damages for injury to the person or for the death of a person arising from an accident or collision between a vulnerable user, as defined in section 1 of chapter 90, and a motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or semi-trailer unit classified as a class 3 or above by the federal highway administration, with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 pounds or more, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that a defendant who owned or leased the vehicle was negligent, unless, at the time of the accident or collision, the vehicle was equipped with a lateral protective device, convex mirrors, crossover mirrors and backup cameras meeting any standards or specifications adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

(b) This section shall be applied and interpreted so as not to conflict with federal statutes, regulations or agency determinations. In any case of conflict, federal law shall prevail.

(c) If any provision of this section is found to be unconstitutional or preempted by federal law, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect to the fullest extent consistent with federal law."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 38 256
the following section:-

"SECTION 38A. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 2NNNNNN the following section:-

Section 2OOOOOO. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund known as the Crumbling Concrete Assistance Fund, which shall be administered by the secretary of housing and livable communities. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, to: (i) provide financial assistance to owners of residential real property for the repair or replacement of concrete foundations of such residential real property that have deteriorated due to the presence of pyrite or pyrrhotite; (ii) minimize negative fiscal impacts on municipalities in which such property is located; and (iii) reimburse owners of residential real property that present satisfactory evidence, as determined by the secretary, that said owners have paid for and replaced their concrete foundation that deteriorated due to the presence of pyrite or pyrrhotite prior to the establishment of the fund; provided, however, that the reimbursement shall not exceed the funding the owner would have received had they applied for financial assistance through the fund. The secretary shall seek to maximize available federal reimbursements for money spent from the fund.

The fund shall be credited with: (i) appropriations or other money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations and settlements received by the commonwealth that are specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) federal funds received under subsection (b); and (iv) interest earned on the assets of the fund. Any balance in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years and shall not be transferred to any other fund or revert to the General Fund.

(b) The secretary of housing and livable communities may apply for, receive and deposit into the fund any federal funds, including, but not limited to, funds made available by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 108 Loan Guarantee program.

(c) Amounts issued from the fund to impacted homeowners for the repair or replacement of concrete foundations that have deteriorated due to the presence of pyrite or pyrrhotite shall be exempt from taxation under chapter 62.

(d) Annually, not later than June 1, the secretary of housing and livable communities shall report on the activities of the fund from the previous calendar year to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means, the joint committee on environment and natural resources and the joint committee on housing.

(e) The secretary of housing and livable communities shall promulgate regulations or issue other guidance to set rules for the expenditure of the funds under this section."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch, Messrs. Brownsberger, Lewis and Cronin, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Brady, Ms. 296
Creem, Ms. Howard, Mr. Tarr and Ms. Lovely *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 3A the following section:-

"SECTION 3B. Section 116 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

The committee shall create and make available specialized training and continuing education for officers who conduct death investigations on the identification and investigation of deaths that may be related to domestic violence. The training shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the identification and detection of staged crime scenes; (ii) the engagement of multidisciplinary teams in the investigation of deaths preceded by domestic violence; and (iii) indicators of domestic homicide in suspicious death cases, including, but not limited to: (A) sudden or untimely death; (B) a history of domestic violence against the decedent, including, but not limited to, coercive control, strangulation, suffocation or other life-threatening behavior; (C) evidence that the decedent's death followed the decedent or their intimate partner ending, or intending to end their relationship; (D) death in the decedent's home or place of residence; (E) an appearance of death due to suicide or accident at the scene; (F) discovery of the decedent's body by a current or former intimate partner; (G) evidence that the abuser, a child of the abuser or a child of the decedent was the last person to see the decedent alive; (H) evidence that the abuser had control of the scene of death before the arrival of law enforcement; and (I) evidence of tampering with the scene of death."; and

By inserting after section 137 the following section:-

"SECTION 137A. Section 39 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "origin", in line 4, the following words:- , sex, gender.".

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Feeney, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Mark, Ms. Friedman, Ms. Rausch, Mr. Oliveira, Ms. 544
Miranda, Messrs. Collins, Keenan, Rush and O'Connor, Ms. Howard, Messrs. Gómez, Eldridge and Brady, Ms. Jehlen and Ms. Lovely *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3226 relative to Protecting Massachusetts Labor Unions & Workers from Federal Threats.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Comerford, Mr. Cyr and Ms. Rausch *moved that the proposed new text* be amended 345
in section 7, by inserting after the word "affairs," in line 175, the following words:- ", the director of rural affairs"; and

In said section 7, by inserting after the word "section", in line 176, the following words:- "provided, however, that the guidelines may vary in accordance with the regional plans pursuant to section 5 of chapter 40B; and provided further, that the executive office for administration and finance shall solicit and take into consideration feedback on the development of said guidelines at not less than 2 public hearings in geographically diverse areas of the commonwealth."

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. DiDomenico, Keenan, Collins and Eldridge and Ms. Howard *moved that the* 401
proposed new text be amended by adding after section 9 the following section:-

"SECTION 9A. Said chapter 23B is hereby further amended by adding the following 2 sections:-

Section 37. (a) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate non-budgeted special revenue fund, to be known as the Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments and Households Fund, which shall be administered by the executive office of housing and livable communities. The fund shall be credited with: (i) revenue from appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations and settlements received by the commonwealth that are designated to be credited to the fund; and (iii) interest earned on such revenues. Any unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years and shall not revert to the General Fund. No expenditure shall be made from the fund that shall cause the fund to be in a deficit at any point.

(b) Monies in the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, for the executive office to fund grants under subsection (c) and support partner organizations receiving grants with planning, operations and implementation of services. Monies in the fund may be used to provide direct or third-party administrative support to grantees, including technical assistance, capacity building and program evaluation.

(c) The executive office of housing and livable communities shall develop a grant program to support community-driven, place-based strategies and programs aimed at reducing poverty and increasing community health, safety and well-being. The grant program shall support collaborative efforts to improve outcomes and opportunities for children and families living in the state's most distressed neighborhoods and to transform those communities by aligning housing and community development investments with access to a community-based continuum of high-quality education, services, enrichment and practices based on the best available evidence that will address needs from birth through college and career; and shall include, but not be limited to: (i) reducing concentrated poverty and expanding economic opportunity for people with low incomes; (ii) providing cradle-to-career access to high-quality education, training and care; (iii) connecting residents to jobs and in-demand occupations; (iv) enabling access to quality early education and care, affordable housing and health care, including reproductive, maternal, behavioral and mental health care; (v) providing support for vulnerable populations such as people with disabilities, justice-involved youth and adults, and families involved with the child welfare system; (vi) connecting individuals and families to appropriate benefits and support programs; and (vii) supporting students in attending and succeeding in K-12 school environments through the expansion of integrated student support services and enrichment programs. In developing and administering the grant program, the executive office may consult with individuals that have expertise as subject matter experts, providers or people with lived experience in a wide array of issues and areas that affect people in poverty.

(d) To be eligible for the grant program established under subsection (b), entities shall form place-based partnerships shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) non-profit organizations; (ii) institutions of higher education; (iii) public schools; (iv) school districts; (v) municipalities; and (vi) community-based organizations.

(e) The executive office of housing and livable communities shall develop a transparent and competitive process for the awarding of grants. The executive office shall prioritize applicants serving communities that have experienced long-term economic distress, have demonstrated a commitment to cross-sector collaboration and partnerships and show demonstrated engagement with community stakeholders and people with lived experience in their proposal.

(f) Grants shall be provided through the following tracks: (i) one-year partnership development grants, which shall establish the foundation for proposed place-based strategy; two-year plan development grants, which shall use a formal partnership structure to conduct a shared community needs assessment to develop comprehensive action plans; and (iii) two-to-four-year implementation grants, which shall launch approved action plans, leverage additional funding streams, conduct progress monitoring and continuous quality improvement. Implementation grants may be extended up to two years after the initial grant cycle provided accountability and data supports grant extension.

(g) Annually, not later than October 1, the executive office of housing and livable communities shall submit a report to the governor, the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the senate and house committees on ways and means on the administration of the Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments and Households Fund, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) grant recipients and amounts received; (ii) the expenditures made from the fund; (iii) the anticipated funding obligation for the next fiscal year; and (iv) summaries of funded projects. The report shall be made publicly available on the executive office's website.".

Section 38. There shall be an engaging neighborhoods, organizations, unions, governments and households (ENOUGH) fund advisory committee, the function of which shall be advisory to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities in connection with the management, operation and awarding of the fund. The committee shall consist of the following members: the secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities or her designee; the secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services or her designee; the secretary of the Executive Office of Education or her designee; the secretary of the Executive Office of Economic Development or her designee; the secretary of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development or her designee; the secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation or her designee; the commissioner of the Department of Transitional Assistance or her designee; the president of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency or her designee; the director of rural affairs or her designee; 8 members to be appointed by the governor who shall collectively have expertise as subject matter experts, providers, or people with lived experience in a wide array of issues and areas that affect people in poverty, including but not limited to cash benefits and other income supports, tax credits and tax assistance, asset development and wealth building, early education and out-of-school time, K-12 education including vocational education, higher education, workforce development and skills training, labor unions and apprenticeships, immigration and refugee settlement, housing and homelessness, nutrition and food security, public health, maternal health and infant support, early intervention, transportation, environmental justice, health care, behavioral and mental health care, trauma-sensitive intervention and violence prevention, social services, child welfare, digital equity, justice-involved and re-entry services, legal services, and services for special populations such as children and adults with disabilities, the LGBTQIA+ community, veterans, elders, and youth aging out of foster care. All members shall be appointed for a term of 5 years, may be reappointed, and shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed from the fund for ordinary and reasonable in-state travel expenses. The committee may meet as often as the members may determine, but shall meet at least bi-annually, or at such other intervals as may be established by the agency in order to advise the agency, or such other qualified organization with which the agency contracts, with respect to the fund and to make any advisory recommendations with respect thereto to the agency. All grant applications recommended by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities shall be reviewed and approved in consultation with the advisory committee."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards *moved that the proposed new text* be amended by inserting after section 119 the following section:- 441

"SECTION 119A. Said chapter 138 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 12D the following new section:

Section 12E. (a) Notwithstanding section 12 or any general or special law to the contrary, the holder of a restricted airport license, as defined in section 17, may, subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Port Authority, sell alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises at any time that the airport is open for operations.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law, ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the Massachusetts Port Authority may designate 1 or more areas within a passenger terminal, as defined in section 17, in which alcoholic beverages sold by a licensee may be consumed off the licensed premises; provided, however, that the Massachusetts Port Authority shall immediately notify the commission of any area so designated. A licensee operating within the approved area may, subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Port Authority, sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises; provided, however, that alcoholic beverages sold pursuant to this subsection shall not be carried or consumed outside of the designated area.

(c) This section shall not be construed to permit a licensed establishment to sell any type or category of alcohol beyond the type or category of alcohol that the licensed establishment is permitted to sell under the license issued to it by the local licensing authority pursuant to this chapter."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Feeney, Lewis and O'Connor and Ms. Jehlen moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 137 the following section:- 465

"SECTION 137A. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 167D the following chapter:-

CHAPTER 167D 1/2. FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS

Section 1. As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

'Commissioner', the commissioner of banks.

'Eligible adult', (i) a person 60 years of age or older; or (ii) a person with a disability, as defined in section 1 of chapter 19C.

'Financial exploitation', (i) the wrongful or unauthorized taking, withholding, appropriation or use of money, assets or property of an eligible adult; or (ii) any act or omission taken by a person, including through the use of a power of attorney, guardianship or conservatorship of an eligible adult, to: (A) obtain control, through deception, intimidation unethical or dishonest conduct or undue influence, over the eligible adult's money, assets or property to deprive the eligible adult of the ownership, use, benefit or possession of his or her money, assets or property; or (B) convert money, assets or property of the eligible adult to deprive such eligible adult of the ownership, use, benefit or possession of their money, assets or property.

'Financial institution"', (i) bank, trust company, co-operative bank or savings bank, if organized or exists under the laws of the commonwealth or any other state or may transact business in the commonwealth, national bank, federal savings bank or federal savings and loan association; or (ii) credit union that is organized or exists under the laws of the commonwealth or any other state, or federal credit union that may transact business in the commonwealth, as defined in section 1 of chapter 171.

'Qualified individual', (i) an agent, employee or person who serves in a compliance or legal capacity for a financial institution; or (ii) an employee eligible for immunity in accordance with 12 U.S.C. § 3423.

'Relevant Agency' (i) the commission for the protection of persons with disabilities established pursuant to section 2 of chapter 19C if the eligible adult is under the age of 60; (ii) the executive office of aging and independence, if the eligible adult is 60 years or older; or (iii) a third-party contractor designated by the office of aging and independence.

Section 2. If a financial institution or qualified individual reasonably believes that the financial exploitation of an eligible adult may have occurred, may have been attempted or is being attempted, the financial institution or qualified individual shall promptly notify the relevant agency.

Section 3. A qualified investment individual who, in good faith and exercising reasonable care, believes that financial exploitation of an eligible adult may have occurred, may have been attempted, or is being attempted, may disclose to any third party previously designated by the eligible adult or reasonably associated with the adult; provided, however, that a qualified investment individual shall not notify any designated third party that is suspected of the financial exploitation or other abuse of the eligible adult; provided, however, that a qualified individual or financial institution shall not notify any designated third party that is suspected of the financial exploitation or other abuse of the eligible adult.

Section 4. A qualified individual or financial institution who, in good faith, is exercising reasonable care, complies with section 3 and did not materially aid the alleged financial exploitation shall be immune from any administrative or civil liability that might otherwise arise from such action.

Section 5. A financial institution may delay or stop a disbursement from, or a transaction in connection with, an account of an eligible adult or an account on which an eligible adult is a beneficiary if any qualified individual has reasonable cause to believe that, after initiating an internal review of the requested disbursement or transaction and documenting the suspected financial exploitation, the requested disbursement or transaction may result in the financial exploitation of the eligible adult and the financial institution or qualified individual: (i) provides written or oral notification of the delay or stoppage and the reason for such delay or stoppage to all parties authorized to transact business on the account not more than 5 business days after the requested disbursement or transaction, unless any such party is reasonably believed to have engaged in suspected or attempted financial exploitation of the eligible adult; (ii) provides notification of such delay or stoppage to the relevant agency not more than 5 business days after the requested disbursement or transaction; (iii) continues their internal review of the suspected or attempted financial exploitation of the eligible adult, as necessary; (iv) provides status updates, a statement of finding and final disposition of an investigation upon request to the relevant agency and qualified individuals; and (v) reports the investigation's results to the relevant agency not more than 10 business days after the day the financial institution or qualified individual first delayed disbursement of the funds or the transaction.

The relevant agency may retain a digital or other record of each notice and report received under clauses (i), (ii) and (iv) respectively, of this section. A financial institution may provide a copy to the commissioner for recording purposes.

Section 6. The authorization of any delay or stoppage of a disbursement or transaction pursuant to section 5 shall expire upon the sooner of the determination by the financial institution that the disbursement or transaction will not result in the financial exploitation of the eligible adult or 21 business days after the date on which the financial institution delayed or stopped disbursement of the funds or a transaction. A relevant agency may request that the financial institution extend the delay, in which case the delay shall expire not more than 30 business days after the date on which the financial institution first delayed or stopped disbursement of the funds or a transaction.

A court of competent jurisdiction may enter an order extending the delay or stoppage of a disbursement of funds or transaction pursuant to this section or may order other protective relief upon the petition of a relevant agency.

Section 7. A court of competent jurisdiction may order a financial institution or qualified individual to provide access to or copies of records that are relevant to the suspected or attempted financial exploitation of an eligible adult to a relevant agency or law enforcement pursuant to an open investigation. Such records may include, but not be limited to, historical records and records pertaining to the most recent disbursement or transactions related to the suspected or attempted financial exploitation of an eligible adult; provided, however, that such records made available to the agencies shall not be considered public records pursuant to section 7 of chapter 4 or chapter 66.

Section 8. A financial institution or qualified individual which, in good faith, exercising reasonable care, complies with this chapter and did not materially aid the alleged financial exploitation shall be immune from any administrative or civil liability that might otherwise arise from such action."; and

By inserting after section 106 the following section:-

SECTION 106A. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 110H the following chapter:-

CHAPTER 110I. FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS UNDER BROKER-DEALER RELATIONSHIP

Section 1. As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

'Relevant agencies', (i) the state secretary; (ii) the commission for the protection of persons with disabilities established pursuant to section 2 of chapter 19C, if the eligible adult is under the age of 60; (iii) the executive office of aging and independence, if the eligible adult is 60 years or older; or (iv) any third-party contractor designated by the secretary of the commonwealth, the commission for the protection of persons with disabilities or the office of aging and independence.

'Agent', as defined in section 401 of said chapter 110A.

'Broker-Dealer', as defined in said section 401 of said chapter 110A.

'Eligible adult', a person 60 years of age or older or a person with a disability, as defined in section 1 of chapter 19C.

'Financial exploitation', (i) the wrongful or unauthorized taking, withholding, appropriation or use of money, assets or property of an eligible adult; or (ii) any act or omission taken by a person, including through the use of a power of attorney, guardianship or conservatorship of an eligible adult, to: (A) obtain control, through deception, intimidation unethical or dishonest conduct or undue influence, over the eligible adult's money, assets or property to deprive the eligible adult of the ownership, use, benefit or possession of his or her money, assets or property; or (B) convert money, assets or property of the eligible adult to deprive such eligible adult of the ownership, use, benefit or possession of their money, assets or property.

'Financial institution', a: (i) bank, trust company, co-operative bank or savings bank, if organized or exists under the laws of the commonwealth or any other state or may transact business in the commonwealth, national bank, federal savings bank or federal savings and loan association; or (ii) credit union that is organized or exists under the laws of the commonwealth or any other state, or federal credit union that may transact business in the commonwealth, as defined in section 1 of chapter 171.

'Investment adviser', as defined pursuant to section 401 of said chapter 110A.

'Investment adviser representative', as defined pursuant to section 401 of said chapter 110A.

'Qualified investment individual', (i) any agent, broker-dealer, investment adviser, investment-adviser representative, broker-dealer or person who serves in a compliance, investor protection or legal capacity for a broker-dealer or investment adviser; and (ii) employees eligible for immunity in accordance with 12 U.S.C. § 3423.

Section 2. If a qualified investment individual reasonably believes that the financial exploitation of an eligible adult may have occurred, may have been attempted, or is being attempted, the qualified investment individual shall promptly notify the relevant agency.

Section 3. Any qualified investment individual who, in good faith, and exercising reasonable care, did not materially aid the alleged financial exploitation and makes a disclosure of information pursuant to section 2 shall be immune from administrative or civil liability that might otherwise arise from such disclosure or for any failure to notify the customer of the disclosure.

Section 4. A qualified investment individual who, in good faith and exercising reasonable care, believes that financial exploitation of an eligible adult may have occurred, may have been attempted, or is being attempted, may disclose to any third party previously designated by the eligible adult or reasonably associated with the adult; provided, however, that a qualified investment individual shall not notify any designated third party that is suspected of the financial exploitation or other abuse of the eligible adult; provided, however, that a qualified individual or financial institution shall not notify any designated third party that is suspected of the financial exploitation or other abuse of the eligible adult.

Section 5. A qualified investment individual who, in good faith, exercising reasonable care, complies with section 4 and does not materially aid the alleged financial exploitation shall be immune from any administrative or civil liability that might otherwise arise from such disclosure.

Section 6. A financial institution may delay or stop a disbursement or transaction from an account of an eligible adult or an account on which an eligible adult is a beneficiary if a qualified investment individual: (i) has reasonable cause to believe that, after initiating an internal review of the requested disbursement or transaction and the suspected financial exploitation, that the requested disbursement or transaction may result in the financial exploitation of the eligible adult; (ii) provides written notification and reasoning of the delay to all parties authorized to transact business on the account not more than 5 business days after the delayed disbursement or transaction; provided however, that such notice is not required to such party that is reasonably believed to have engaged in suspected or attempted financial exploitation of the eligible adult; (iii) provides notification of such delay to the relevant agencies not more than 5 business days after the delayed disbursement or transaction; and (iv) continues their internal review of the suspected or attempted financial exploitation of the eligible adult, as necessary, and provides status updates, a statement of finding and final disposition of an investigation upon request to the agencies and to qualified individuals.

Section 7. The authorization of any delay or stoppage of a disbursement or transaction pursuant to section 6 shall expire upon: (i) the determination by the financial institution or qualified investment individual that the disbursement or transaction will not result in the financial exploitation of the eligible adult; or (ii) 21 days from the date the financial institution or qualified investment individual delayed disbursement of the funds or a transaction, unless a relevant agency requests that the financial institution extend the delay, in which case the delay shall expire no more than 30 business days after the date on which the financial institution first delayed disbursement of the funds or a transaction, whichever occurs first.

A court of competent jurisdiction may enter an order extending the delay of a disbursement of funds or transaction pursuant to this section, or may order other protective relief, upon the petition of the secretary of the commonwealth or relevant agency.

Section 8. A court of competent jurisdiction may order a financial institution, or qualified investment individual to provide access to or copies of records that are relevant to the suspected or attempted financial exploitation of an eligible adult to a relevant agency or law enforcement pursuant to an investigation. Such records may include historical records and records pertaining to the most recent disbursement or transactions related to the suspected or attempted financial exploitation of an eligible adult; provided, however, that such records made available to agencies pursuant to this section shall not be considered public records as defined in chapter 66 and clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4.

Section 9. A financial institution or qualified investment individual who, in good faith, exercising reasonable care, complies with this chapter and did not materially aid the alleged financial exploitation, shall be immune from any administrative or civil liability that might otherwise arise from such action.

Section 10. Nothing in section 9 shall limit or shield, in any manner, a qualified individual from any administrative or civil liability, for materially aiding the financial exploitation of an eligible adult.

Section 11. Nothing in this chapter shall limit or otherwise impede the authority of the secretary of the commonwealth from accessing or examining the books and records of a financial institution as otherwise provided by law or conducting any lawful investigation into potential violations of chapter 110A.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr, Ms. Edwards and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended 367
in section 3A, by inserting after item 7002-8087 the following item:-

"EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

7004-0096 For state financial assistance to be administered by the executive office of housing and livable communities through a contract with the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency established in chapter 708 of the acts of 1966 in the form of grants, loans, subsidies, credit enhancements and other financial assistance to support the acquisition, planning, predevelopment, permitting, site preparation, construction, rehabilitation, redevelopment and preservation of affordable and attainable year-round housing in municipalities designated as seasonal communities pursuant to section 32 of chapter 23B of the General Laws; provided, that eligible recipients shall include municipalities, municipal or regional year-round housing trust funds, local or regional housing authorities and qualified nonprofit or for-profit housing developers; provided further, that funds may be expended for infrastructure improvements necessary to support such housing; provided further, that housing projects within projects that receive financial assistance under this item shall be restricted to households with an income not to exceed an amount to be determined by the secretary of housing and livable communities; provided further, that the secretary may restrict housing to individuals who maintain primary residence in a seasonal community for a period of not less than 10 months; and provided further, that funds shall be distributed in a manner that promotes geographic equity among seasonal communities .... $10,000,000".

Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Mark, Collins, Cronin, Velis, Moore and Oliveira, Ms. Miranda, 410
Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Rausch, Messrs. Fernandes, Brady, Cyr and Driscoll, Ms. Howard and Messrs. Montigny, Feeney, Durant, O'Connor, Gómez, Keenan and Tarr moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3227 relative to Residential Pace.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Suspension of Senate Rule 38A ½.

Senate Rule 38 1/2.

Mr. Finegold moved that Senate Rule 38A be suspended to allow the Senate to meet beyond the hour of 12:00 A.M.; and the same Senator requested unanimous consent that the rules be suspended without a call of the yeas and nays. There being no objection, the motion was considered forthwith, and it was adopted.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

Economic Development.

The House bill relative to economic development in the commonwealth (House, No. 5576),-- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Ms. Jehlen, Mr. Gómez, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. O'Connor, Eldridge and Barrett, Ms. 12
Kennedy, Messrs. Oliveira and Driscoll, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Velis, Moore and Lewis, Ms. Rausch, Mr. Payano, Ms. Howard, Messrs. Collins, Rush, Brady, Montigny and Keenan and Ms. Lovely moved that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after section 153 the following section:-

"SECTION 153A. The executive office of housing and livable communities shall establish a pilot program with not more than 5 communities in which cities and towns may apply to participate to provide opportunities for tenants to collectively purchase their building when it is up for sale. The executive office shall promulgate regulations and issue guidelines to implement the program within 180 days of the effective date of this act, which shall consider regional equity, address the assignability of rights to preserve the long term affordability of the program, and be designed to help communities with high rates of displacement to encourage housing stability while maintaining polices to promote housing access and affordability. The pilot program shall be in place for not more than 5 years after its creation in a community that participates in the program;. After each year and upon the conclusion of the community's 5-year pilot program under this section, the executive office shall produce a report indicating the effectiveness of the program, including, but not limited to, the number of housing units purchased, number of evictions or other displacement avoided, any obstacles to sales and other recommendations to help housing stability and affordability. Annually, the executive office shall submit the report to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the joint committee on housing. A community interested in participating in the pilot program shall accept this section by a local vote under section 4 of chapter 4 and shall submit an application to the executive office."

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues moves that the proposed new text be amended in section 3A, in item 350
7002-8087, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than

$12,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Framingham to support access to the Regional Justice Center and downtown revitalization, which shall include funding for the design, purchase, construction or rehabilitation of a downtown parking garage; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the town of Natick for the development and construction of a multi-use path along state highway route 135 connecting to the West Natick commuter rail station; provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill for upgrades to sewer treatment infrastructure; provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended to the city of Haverhill to assist recovery efforts of the mill fire of April and May 2026; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to Arc Landing Boston, Inc. to support a catalyst fund to assist in the growth of the health care industry and increase access to health care; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Fall River for economic development and revitalization efforts in the Flint neighborhood and Pleasant street corridor of the city; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for the town of Lakeville for the redevelopment of the site of the former Lakeville state hospital; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the town of Swansea for the construction and installation of sewage lines";

In said section 2, in said item 7002-8087, by striking out the figure "$100,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$221,983,000".

In section 20, by striking out, in line 300, the first time it appears, the word "Said" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "Subsection (e) of said";

By inserting after section 82 the following section:-

"Section 82A. Section 38UU of chapter 63 is hereby repealed.";

By striking out section 137; and

by inserting after section 138 the following section:-

"SECTION 138A. Item 1599-6080 of section 2A of chapter 268 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by adding the following words:- "and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2028";

By inserting after section 141 the following section:-

"SECTION 141A. Section 316 of chapter 238 of the acts of 2024 is hereby repealed.";

In section 156, by striking out, in line 1989, the words "40, 41, and 48" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "41, 42, and 49";

By striking out section 163; and

By inserting after section 164 the following section:-

"SECTION 164A. Section 82A shall take effect on January 1, 2033.".

The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment [For text of Senate amendment printed as amended, see Senate, No. 3228].

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Barrett,--

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 Ms. Rausch, at seventeen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.