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Met at fourteen minutes past one o'clock P.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

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

Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant to Section 2XXXXX of Chapter of 29 of the General Laws) submitting its report containing data on the no cost communication services provided in each Sheriff's Office for third quarter 2026 (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (received November 2, 2026);

MSA,-- No Cost Communication Q3 2026 report. SD4339

Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant to line items 8910-0147, 8910-8302, 8910-8403, 8910-0621, 8910-1022, 8910-1040 8910-0112, 8910-1014, 8910-0602,8910-8702, 88910-8803 and 8910-1011 of Section 2 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting Berkshire County Sheriff's Office, Bristol County Sheriff's Office, Dukes County Sheriff's Office, Essex County Sheriff's Department, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Hampden County Sheriff's Office, Hampshire County Sheriff's Office, Middlesex County Sheriff's Office, Norfolk County Sheriff's Office, Plymouth County Sheriff's Office, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office and Worcester County Sheriff's Office report containing data on the medication-assisted treatment program for fiscal year 2026 (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received November 2, 2026);

MSA,-- MAT FY26 report. SD4341

Report of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (pursuant to line items 8910-0145, 8910-8300, 8910-8400, 8910-0619, 8910-0108, 8910-0102, 8910-0110, 8910-0107, 8910-8500, 8910-8600, 8910-8700, 8910-8800 and 8910-0105 of Section 2 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting its Berkshire County Sheriff's Office, Bristol County Sheriff's Office, Dukes County Sheriff's Office, Essex County Sheriff's Department, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Hampden County Sheriff's Office, Hampshire County Sheriff's Office, Middlesex County Sheriff's Office, Nantucket County Sheriff's Office, Norfolk County Sheriff's Office, Plymouth County Sheriff's Office, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office and Worcester County Sheriff's Office report inventorying the current programs and practices (services) provided by each Sheriff's Office for fiscal year 2026 (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received November 2, 2026);

MSA,-- Programming & Services FY26 report. SD4342

Report of the Barnstable County Sheriff (pursuant to line item 8910-0201, 8910-0202 and 8910-8200 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2026) submitting its full-time equivalent, medically assisted treatment and programs and services report (a copy having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means) (received November 2, 2026);

Barnstable Sheriff,-- FTE, MAT and Programs report. SD4343

Report of the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Commission (pursuant Section 16W of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 annual report of the Massachusetts Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (a copy having been forwarded to the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities) (received November 3, 2026); and

UHYC,-- 2025 annual report. SD4344

Report of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2026 audited financial statements (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on the Transportation) (received November 4, 2026).

FRTA,-- FY26 audited financial statements. SD4345

Special Commission Report.

Report of the Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission (pursuant to Section 225 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018, as amended under Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its eighth annual 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 Health Care Financing and the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery) (received October 31, 2026),-- **was placed on file**.

MCRCC,-- 8th.annual report. SD4338

Petition.

Mr. Montigny presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark C. Montigny and Christopher Hendricks for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Karrie Medeiros, an employee of the department of transitional assistance,-- **and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

Karrie Medeiros,-- sick leave. SD4340

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) "celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the sister city relationship between the city of Salem and Ota City, Tokyo, Japan."

Sister City Relationship.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (both 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) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Authorizing the city of Newton to place municipal charges liens on property in the city of Newton for nonpayment of any local charge, fee or fine (see House, No. 5358); and

Authorizing the town of Topsfield to continue the employment of police chief Neal Hovey (see House, No. 5435, amended).

Bills laid before the Governor.

Recess.

There being no objection, at sixteen minutes past one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty-one minutes before five o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

Matter Considered.

Pursuant to an Order previously adopted by the Senate, the following matter was considered:

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5700),-- was read a second time. Supplemental appropriations.

Ms. Creem in the Chair, after remarks, and 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 of Senate document numbered 3290 and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading, there being no objection, the following amendments were considered as one and adopted:

Messrs. Moore and O'Connor and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new text in section 64, by inserting after the word “be”, in line 662, the following words:- “at least”. 4

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Eldridge moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 107 the following 2 sections:- 7

“SECTION 107A. Section 1 of chapter 170 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(b)(1) The conveyance to be confirmed pursuant to subsection (a) relates to a parcel of land in the city of Marlborough in the county of Middlesex, containing 1,000 square feet, more or less, as described in a deed on file with the division of capital asset management and maintenance from the commonwealth acting through its metropolitan district commission to Pierina Monti, dated May 22, 1958.

(2) The parcel of land is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound set at the northeasterly corner of the granted premises and in the boundary line between land of the grantee and land now or formerly of Lincoln H. and Ruth I. Breault, as shown on a plan entitled, ‘Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan District Commission, Water Division, Land in Marlboro to be conveyed to Pierina Monti, February 1958, Harold J. Toole, Director of Water Division and Chief Water Supply Engineer’.

THENCE the line runs south 4º 25’ west by said land of the grantee 111 feet to a stone bound at land of the commonwealth;

THENCE north 5º 35’ west by said land of the commonwealth of Massachusetts 104 feet to a point at land now or formerly of Lincoln H. and Ruth I Breault;

THENCE northeasterly by a line curving to the right with a radius of 435 feet by said land of Lincoln H. and Ruth I. Breault 20 feet to the point of beginning.

(3) Said parcel of land containing 1,000 square feet, more or less, and being shown on the plan pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b).

SECTION 107B. Said chapter 170 is hereby further amended by adding the following 3 sections:-

Section 3. Notwithstanding the absence of a recorded deed or any defect in execution or delivery, the conveyance of the parcel of land referenced in section 1 from the commonwealth to Pierina Monti, dated May 22, 1958, is hereby ratified, validated and confirmed and shall be deemed to have been validly made and effective as of May 22, 1958. The conveyance shall have the same force and effect as if a deed had been properly executed, delivered and recorded at the time of the original transaction, notwithstanding any defects, irregularities or omissions in the original conveyance or the failure to record the same.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law preventing the late recording of deeds, the Middlesex southern district registry of deeds shall accept for recording the

confirmatory deed authorized in section 1, together with any supporting documents relating to the May 22, 1958 conveyance, including a copy of the deed dated May 22, 1958, purporting to convey the parcel of land described in subsection (b) of said section 1,Upon recording the confirmatory deed and any supporting documents, the confirmatory deed shall be deemed to relate back to and shall be effective as of May 22, 1958 and shall be conclusive evidence of the commonwealth's conveyance of the parcel to Pierina Monti and her heirs, successors and assigns.

Section 5. Upon the recording of the confirmatory deed authorized herein, title to the parcel shall be deemed to have been vested in Pierina Monti as of May 22, 1958 and to have passed through any successive conveyances or other acts of succession to the current owner of record, free and clear of any claims by the commonwealth arising from the absence of a recorded deed for the 1958 conveyance. This act shall be conclusive as to the validity of 1958 conveyance and shall cure any defects in the chain of title arising from the failure to record the original deed."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 115 the following section:- 10

"SECTION 115A. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 9is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'preservations' the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Durant moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 130 the following section:- 11

"SECTION 130A. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words 'Quaboag Historical Society Museum', the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027."

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Rush, Durant, O'Connor and Tarr and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new text by adding the following section:- 13

"SECTION 157A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, section 2 of chapter 289 of the acts of 2008 is hereby amended by striking out the words "not more than 20 units of transitional housing" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "not more than 42 units of permanent housing"."

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch, Messrs. O'Connor, Eldridge, Tarr and Lewis and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 57 the following section:- 26

"SECTION 57A. Section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding this section and section 16 of chapter 71, indebtedness for constructing and reconstructing a school facility for the education of school children or any other building that is used for a municipal purpose shall be payable within a term of not more than 40 years."

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Rausch, Messrs. Moore and Mark, Ms. Howard, Messrs. Eldridge, Keenan and Cyr and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 144 the following section:- 31

"SECTION 144A. Item 4513-1001 of said section 2 of said chapter 137 is hereby amended by striking out the figure '$1,980,000' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $2,480,000."

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr, Montigny, O'Connor and Cyr and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 140 the following section:- 40

"SECTION 140A. Item 2330-0100 of said section 2 of said chapter 137 is hereby amended by striking out the figure '$10,234,242' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $10,534,242."

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Lewis and Mark, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Gómez and Cronin, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Moore, Ms. Howard, Messrs. Montigny and Brady and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 141 the following section:- 47

"SECTION 141A. Item 3000-6025 of said section 2 of said chapter 137 is hereby amended by striking out the figure '$15,500,000' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $19,500,000."

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Miranda moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 130 the following section:- 55

"SECTION 130A. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words 'young people' the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.".

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Moore and Mark, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Keenan, Ms. Howard, Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Lovely and Messrs. Payano, O'Connor and Finegold moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section __ the following section:- 56

"SECTION __. Section 15 of Chapter 19C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the definition for 'employer' and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

'Employer', an entity that provides services or treatment to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities pursuant to (i) a contract or agreement with the department; (ii) funding administered by the department; (iii) a license issued pursuant to section 15 or 15A of chapter 19B; or (iv) a contract with MassHealth to provide day habilitation services subject to 130 CMR 419.000."

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Moore, Gómez, Payano and O'Connor, Ms. Howard, Mr. Cyr and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 148 the following 2 sections:- 75

"SECTION 148A. Said item 7004-0107 of said section 2 of said chapter 137 is hereby further amended by adding the following words:- provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended as grants to municipalities located outside of the city of Boston experiencing an influx of homelessness for providers as contracted service coordinators to provide supportive recovery housing, outreach and supportive services including, but not limited to, sober and halfway housing for individuals to continue their recovery.

SECTION 148B. Said item 7004-0107 of said section 2 of said chapter 137 is hereby further amended by striking out the figure '3,685,000' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $5,685,000."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cyr moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 35 the following 3 sections:- 87

"SECTION 35A. Section 32 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'body', in line 30, the following words:- ; provided, however, that acceptance shall require a simple majority vote; and provided further, that municipalities may revoke the designation under this section with a two-thirds vote of its legislative body.

SECTION 35B. Said section 32 of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘residents’, in lines 90 and 91, the following words:- and for any other purposes described in this section.

SECTION 35C. Said section 32 of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘trust’, in line 95, the following words:- ; provided, however, that: (A) agreements and conveyances between the trust and all agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, departments and public instrumentalities of the city or town shall be exempt from chapter 30B; (B) the trust shall be exempt from chapters 59 and 62 and any other provisions concerning payment of taxes based upon or measured by property or income imposed by the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof; (C) such trust may authorize, issue and sell bonds, including, but not limited to, general obligation or revenue bonds or notes, to finance project costs in furtherance of any of its purposes and such bonds and notes, their transfer and the income therefrom, including any profits made on the sale thereof, shall, at all times, be exempt from taxation within the commonwealth to the extent permitted by law and under this section; provided further, that such bonds and notes shall be payable solely from revenues, fees, charges, assessments, gifts, grants, appropriations or other funds available to the trust and shall not constitute a pledge of the full faith and credit of the commonwealth or any political subdivision other than the trust; and (D) such trust may be merged into a single entity with the municipal affordable housing trust pursuant to the protocol established under section 55C of chapter 44.”;

By inserting after section 43 the following 2 sections:-

“SECTION 43A. Said section 1 of said chapter 30B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 114, the word ‘or’.

SECTION 43B. Said section 1 of said chapter 30B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding following 2 clauses:-

(35) the acquisition by a municipality designated as a seasonal community pursuant to section 32 of chapter 23B, or by a municipal or regional housing trust acting on its behalf, including year-round housing trusts established pursuant to said section 32 of said chapter 23B, of real property interests, including year-round housing occupancy deed restrictions, affordability restrictions or similar encumbrances intended to preserve or create attainable housing for year-round residents; or

(36) the sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of real property or any interest therein by a municipality to a year-round housing trust established pursuant to section 32 of chapter 23B, or by such trust to a municipality, including intra-municipal transfers, for the purpose of creating or preserving attainable housing for year-round residents.”;

By inserting after section 57 the following 3 sections:-

“SECTION 57A. Section 3 of chapter 40A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the figure ‘64G’, in line 148, as so appearing, the following words:- ; provided, however, that municipalities designated as a seasonal community may restrict occupancy to year-round housing as defined under section 32 of chapter 23B.

SECTION 57B. Section 6 of said chapter 40A is hereby amended by striking out, in line 84, as so appearing, the word “less” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- more.

SECTION 57C. Section 55C of chapter 44 of the General laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

(k) In a municipality designated as a seasonal community pursuant to section 32 of chapter 23B, the legislative body may vote to authorize the municipal affordable housing trust established under this section to exercise the powers and duties of a year-round housing trust established pursuant to said section 32 of said chapter 23B or to merge such trusts into a single entity; provided, however, that all funds shall continue to be accounted for separately

and used in a manner consistent with the purposes for which they were collected. Housing units created, acquired, preserved or restricted by a trust exercising the powers of a year-round housing trust pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the same occupancy and preference provisions applicable to year-round housing occupancy restrictions under subsection (d) of said section 32 of said chapter 23B."; and

By inserting after section 94 the following 6 sections:-

"SECTION 94A. Section 31 of chapter 184 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

A seasonal community year-round housing restriction means a right acquired or otherwise held by a seasonal community pursuant to section 32 of chapter 23B, 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 limit the occupancy of all or a portion of the dwelling units on such land to persons or families who occupy such dwelling units as their principal residence for not less than 10 months a year, subject to reasonable exceptions for temporary absences as may be included in an associated agreement or otherwise required by law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a year-round occupancy restriction shall not impose more restrictive occupancy requirements on dwelling units that are subject to an affordable housing restriction as defined in this section than those imposed by such an affordable housing restriction.

SECTION 94B. Section 32 of said chapter 184, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'income', in line 14, the following words:- , or seasonal community year-round housing restriction defined under section 31 held by any governmental body.

SECTION 94C. Said section 32 of chapter said 184, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'restriction', in line 28, the first time it appears, the following words:- or a seasonal community year-round occupancy restriction held by any governmental body.

SECTION 94D. Said section 32 of said chapter 184, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'restriction', in line 38, the following words:- or a seasonal community year-round occupancy restriction.

SECTION 94E. Said section 32 of chapter 184, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'housing', in line 40, the following words:- and seasonal community year-round occupancy.

SECTION 94F. Said section 32 of said chapter 184, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 95, the words 'preservation or affordable housing' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- preservation, affordable housing or seasonal community."

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Dooner moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 133 the following section:- 94

"SECTION 133A. Said item 8000-0313 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'Seekonk', the second time it appears, the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027."

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Mark, Keenan, O'Connor and Moore, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Payano and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 146 the following section:- 97

"SECTION 146A. Item 7002-0025 of said section 2 of said chapter 137 is hereby amended by striking out the figure '$3,000,000' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $5,000,000."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mark moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 116 following section:- 99

"SECTION 116A. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words 'playground improvements' the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.".

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Rush and Cronin moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 134 the following section:- 101

"SECTION 134A. Chapter 9 of the acts of 2025 is hereby amended by striking out section 113 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 113. Nonprofit institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations that comprise a health care delivery system, organizations that maintain operations that include pharmacy services and organizations that provide mental health care services shall be immune from liability with regard to any claim or cause of action seeking a legal or equitable remedy or other relief commenced between July 1, 2024 and September 30, 2028, inclusive, that alleges that the institution's or organization's payment of wages on a monthly or biweekly basis or pursuant to any written policy, schedule, or agreement presented or made available to an employee concerning payment for work performed over an academic term violated section 148 of chapter 149 of the General Laws; provided, however, that earned wages shall have been paid in full within 10 days of the termination of a pay period occurring: (i) on a monthly or biweekly basis; or (ii) pursuant to any written policy, schedule or agreement presented to an employee concerning payment for work performed over a specific period or an academic term."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 139 the following sections:- 113

"SECTION 139A. Section 10 of said chapter 101 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'authorized pursuant to this subsection and section 38VV' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "authorized pursuant to this subsection and section 38WW.

SECTION 139B. Section 18 of said chapter 101 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'authorized pursuant to this section and subsection (kk)' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "authorized pursuant to this section and subsection (kk) of section 6."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 138 the following section: 115

"SECTION 138A. Said item 1596-2517 of said section 2A of said chapter 101 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words 'Plymouth, Inc.' the following words:- for capital expenditures".

The amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Cyr and Payano moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting the following sections:- 116

"SECTION X. Paragraph 53 of subsection (a) of section 9-102 of chapter 106 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, after the word 'built', the word 'on', and inserting in place thereof the words:- with or without.

SECTION X. Section 32Q of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, after the word 'built', the word 'on', and inserting in place thereof the following words:- with or without."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 132 the following section:- 118

"SECTION 132A. Item 7070-0065 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'Two-Year College, Inc.' the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 116 the following section:- 119

"SECTION 116A. Item 4510-0110 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'teaching health center' the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 116 the following section:- 120

"SECTION 116A. Item 4000-0300 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'power wheelchairs' the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Collins moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 130 the following 4 new sections:- 121

"SECTION 130A. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words 'room programming' the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 130B. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words 'Technology Center, Inc.' the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTION 130C. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'trade' the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.

SECTON 130D. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'occupational cancer' the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027."

The amendment was adopted.

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

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

Ms. Jehlen, Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Miranda, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Driscoll, Keenan, O'Connor, Gómez, Brady, Montigny and Payano and Ms. Howard moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting the following sections:- 2

"SECTION XX. Section 5 of Chapter 258D of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2024 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (a) and inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:-

Upon a finding or verdict that the claimant has met the requirements of section 1 by the requisite standard of proof and is not barred from compensation by section 2, the court or the jury shall determine the damages that shall be payable to the claimant. In making such determination, the court or jury shall calculate the damages to be awarded to the claimant at a rate of $115,000 per year the claimant was incarcerated, and $57,500 for each year the claimant was on parole or probation, or for each year the claimant was required to register as a sex offender, whichever period of time was greater. These amounts shall be adjusted for inflation using the consumer price index for all urban consumers. This adjustment shall not result in a reduction of the amount calculated in the prior year. Any partial year of incarceration, parole, probation, or registration shall be prorated to compensate the claimant only for the portion of such year during which the claimant was incarcerated, on parole, on

probation, or required to register as a sex offender. The court may also include, as part of its judgment against the commonwealth, an order requiring the commonwealth to provide the claimant with services that are reasonable and necessary to address any deficiencies in the individual's physical and emotional condition, including but not limited to health care benefits under MassHealth if the claimant resides in Massachusetts, reentry planning, transitional assistance, and housing assistance, and may waive tuition and fees for the claimant for any educational services from a state or community college in the commonwealth including, but not limited to, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and its satellite campuses. Once the damages have been determined, the court shall enter a judgment against the commonwealth for the claimant in an amount certain, payable in either a lump sum or in annuity installment payments set by the court; provided, however, that any such annuity installment payments shall have fixed limits on their annual amount and on the time period which they shall be paid to the claimant. A judgment against the commonwealth may not include punitive or exemplary damages. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the clerk of court shall not add to the judgment and the commonwealth shall not be liable for paying, any prejudgment or post judgment interest on damages. Subject to section 4, relative to award or settlements, the rights and remedies afforded to certain individuals by this chapter are not intended to limit in any way any rights or remedies that such individuals or other individuals may be entitled to exercise and pursue under chapter 258.

SECTION XXX. Section XX shall take effect upon its passage and shall apply to all claims for compensation under chapter 258D, including claims pending on the effective date of this act."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, Keenan, O'Connor, Montigny, Tarr and Payano moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section __ the following section:- 3

"SECTION __. Chapter 56 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 42 the following section:-

Section 42A. Election Misinformation

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

'Artificial intelligence', computerized methods and tools, including but not limited to machine learning and natural language processing, that act in a way that resembles human cognitive abilities when it comes to solving problems or performing other tasks.

'Candidate', shall have the same meanings as in section 1 of chapter 55.

'Generative artificial intelligence', artificial intelligence technology that is capable of generating content such as text, audio, image, or video based on patterns learned from large volumes of data.

'Materially deceptive election-related communication', communication in any media, including but not limited to written, audio, visual, or synthetic media, that contains verifiably false information regarding: (i) the date, time, or place of an election; (ii) the requirements, methods, and deadlines for registering to vote; (iii) the requirements, methods, and deadlines for voting; (iv) any certification related to an election; or (v) the express endorsement of a candidate or ballot question by a political party, elected official, nonprofit organization, or other person.

'Person', an individual, corporation, political committee, association, operation, firm, partnership, trust or other form of business or personal association.

'Political party', shall have the same meaning as in section 1 of chapter 50 of the General Laws.

'Synthetic media', audio or video content substantially produced by generative artificial intelligence.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d), a person, candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, political issues committee, ballot question committee, political party or other entity shall not, within 90 days of an election at which a candidate for elective office will appear on the ballot, distribute with actual malice materially deceptive election-related communication with the intent to mislead voters as to the date, time, or place of an election; the requirements, methods, and deadlines for registering to vote; the requirements, methods, and deadlines for voting; any certification related to an election; or the express endorsement of a candidate or ballot question by a political party, elected official, nonprofit organization, or other person.

(c)(1) A person whose voice or likeness appears in a materially deceptive election-related communication distributed in violation of this section or the attorney general may seek injunctive or other equitable relief prohibiting the distribution of such communication.

(2) A person whose voice or likeness appears in a materially deceptive election-related communication distributed in violation of this section may bring an action for general or special damages against a person, candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, political issues committee, political party or other entity that distributed such communication. A court may also award a prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs. This subsection shall not limit or preclude a plaintiff from securing or recovering any other available legal remedy.

(3) In any civil action alleging a violation of this section, the plaintiff shall bear the burden of establishing the violation through clear and convincing evidence.

(d)(1) This section shall not alter or negate any rights, obligations or immunities of an interactive service provider under 47 U.S.C. section 230.

(2) This section shall not apply to a radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, producer or mobile application or streaming service that broadcasts a materially deceptive election-related communication prohibited by this section as part of a bona fide newscast, news interview, news documentary, commentary of general interest, or on-the-spot coverage of bona fide news events, if the broadcast clearly acknowledges through content or a disclosure, in a manner that can be easily heard or read by the average listener or viewer, that such communication is manipulated or that there are questions about its authenticity.

(3) This section shall not apply to a radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, producer or mobile application or streaming service when it is paid to broadcast the materially deceptive election-related communication.

(4) This section shall not apply to an internet website or a regularly published newspaper, magazine or other periodical of general circulation, including an internet or electronic publication, that routinely carries news and commentary of general interest, and that publishes a materially deceptive election-related communication prohibited by this section, if the publication clearly states that such communication is manipulated or that there are questions about its authenticity.

(5) This section shall not apply to materially deceptive election-related communications that constitute satire or parody.

(6) This section shall not apply to telecommunications services as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153 or wireless messaging services, including such a service provided through short messaging service, multimedia messaging service, or rich communication service protocols, or any successor protocols."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Jehlen, Mr. DiDomenico, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Mark, O'Connor, Eldridge and Lewis, Ms. Lovely and Ms. Howard moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting the following section:-

"SECTION XX. Chapter 3 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 75 the following new section:-

Section 76

(1) There is established a permanent commission on the status of transgender people consisting of 21 persons as follows: 6 persons appointed by transgender-led organizations or groups that directly serve, support, or advocate for transgender people in Massachusetts; 2 persons appointed by transgender-focused health programs at Massachusetts-based healthcare centers and/or hospitals; 2 persons appointed by an organization or group that supports LGBTQ+ elders; 2 persons appointed by an organization or group that supports LGBTQ+ students; 2 person appointed by an organization or group that supports LGBTQ+ individuals with homelessness or unstable housing; 1 person appointed by an organization or group that supports LGBTQ+ people with domestic and/or intimate partner violence; 1 person appointed by an organization or group that supports LGBTQ+ incarcerated or formerly incarcerated people; 1 person appointed by an organization or group that supports LGBTQ+ sex workers; 1 person appointed by an organization or group that supports LGBTQ+ people with disabilities; 1 person appointed by an organization or group that supports LGBTQ+ individuals with immigration, seeking asylum/refugee status, or other non-citizen statuses; 1 person appointed by an antipoverty organization or group that supports LGBTQ+ individuals; and 1 person appointed by an organization or group that supports LGBTQ+ veterans. The membership of the commission shall include at least: 11 transgender persons, total; 2 transgender persons between the ages of 18-24; 2 transgender persons aged 60 or older; and 2 representatives of the mental health professions.

(2) Members of the commission shall be drawn from diverse racial, ethnic, religious, age, gender, sexual orientation and socio-economic backgrounds and shall have had experience working toward the improvement of the status of transgender people in society. Members shall also be drawn from throughout the commonwealth to ensure broad representation. Members shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 268A as they apply to special state employees. The commission shall be an independent agency of the government of the commonwealth and shall not be subject to the control of any other department or agency.

(3) (a) Members shall serve terms of three years and until their successors are appointed.

(b) Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the original appointing authority for the balance of the unexpired term.

(c) appointments shall be made in consultation with transgender rights organizations. Nominations shall be solicited between August 1 and September 16 of each year through an open application process using a uniform application that is widely distributed throughout the state.

(d) The commission shall elect from among its members a chair, a vice chair, a treasurer and any other officers it deems necessary.

(e) The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for any usual and customary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(4) The commission shall conduct an ongoing study of all matters concerning transgender people. In furtherance of that responsibility, the commission shall: (a) study, review and report on the status of transgender people in the commonwealth;

(b) inform leaders of business, education, health care, state and local governments and the communications media of issues pertaining to transgender people;

(c) serve as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with issues affecting transgender people;

(d) serve as a clearinghouse for information on issues pertaining to transgender people;

(e) identify and recommend qualified transgender people for appointive positions at all levels of government, including boards and commissions, as the commission deems necessary and appropriate;

(f) assess programs and practices in all state agencies as they affect transgender people, as the commission deems necessary and appropriate;

(g) advise executive and legislative bodies on the effect on transgender people of proposed legislation, as the commission deems necessary and appropriate; and

(h) promote and facilitate collaboration among local transgender commissions and among transgender organizations in the state, as the commission deems necessary and appropriate.

The commission shall annually, on or before June 2, report the results of its findings and activities of the preceding year and its recommendations to the governor and to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives.

(5) The powers of the commission shall include but not be limited to the following:

(a) to use such voluntary and uncompensated services of private individuals, agencies and organizations as may from time to time be offered and needed;

(b) to recommend policies and make recommendations to agencies and officers of the state and local subdivisions of government to effectuate the purposes of subsection (3);

(c) to select an executive director and to acquire adequate staff to perform its duties, subject to appropriation;

(d) to establish and maintain such offices as it may deem necessary, subject to appropriation;

(e) to enact bylaws for its own governance;

(f) to appoint members to regional chapters of the commission; and

(g) to hold regular, public meetings and to hold fact-finding hearings and other public forums as it may deem necessary.

(6) The commission shall meet once every month. The (i) governor, (ii) speaker of the house of representatives, (iii) president of the senate and (iv) designated members of the LGBTQ+ caucus of legislators shall be invited to attend the monthly meetings on a rotating basis.

(7) (a) The commission may request from all state agencies such information and assistance as the commission may require.

(b) The commission may accept and solicit funds, including any gifts, donations, grants or bequests or any federal funds, for any of the purposes of this section. Such funds shall be deposited in a separate account with the state treasurer, be received by said treasurer on behalf of the commonwealth, and be expended by the commission in accordance with law."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and Payano moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section __the following sections:- 6

"SECTION __. Chapter 6E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 17. Use of Automated License Plate Readers.

(a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

'Agency' means any agencies, bureaus, divisions, sections, departments, offices, commissions, and institutions of the commonwealth, including those districts, authorities, instrumentalities or political subdivisions, including cities and towns.

'Automated license plate reader system' or 'ALPR system' means a system, software, or computer algorithm, whether used independently or in combination with one or more mobile or fixed automated cameras, that can uniquely identify vehicles by distinguishing features or convert images of license plates into computer-readable data.

‘Automated license plate reader data’ or ‘ALPR data’, all data collected by automated license plate reader systems, including but not limited to GPS coordinates, date and time, speed of travel, photograph, license plate number, and any other data captured by, derived, or inferred from any automated license plate reader system, including but not limited to make, model, color, and other vehicle-related characteristics, distinguishing features, or other identifying information.

‘Traffic flow analysis’ means the study and real-time use of data by a public agency regarding vehicles moving through a transportation network in order to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and increase safety.

‘Secretary’ means the secretary of public safety and security.

‘Secured area’ means an area, enclosed by clear boundaries, to which access is limited and not open to the public and entry is only obtainable through specific access-control points.

‘Service provider’ means an individual, association, company, limited liability company, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, trust or other legal entity that: (1) collects, uses, stores, or analyzes ALPR data; and (2) pursuant to a contract, discloses, releases, disseminates, makes available, licenses, rents or shares ALPR data to an agency orally, in writing, electronically or by any other means.

‘Qualified transportation purposes’ means the collection and use of ALPR data solely for the purposes of: (1) when authorized by another law, toll collection or assessment; (2) when authorized by another law, detecting traffic infractions and enforcing penalties (3) traffic flow analysis; (4) regulating the use of parking facilities by parking enforcement entities; or (5) controlling access to secured areas.

(b) No municipality shall enter into a contract, or renew a contract, with a service provider unless such contract or renewal is approved by the municipality’s legislative body as defined by clause 18B of section 7 of chapter 4.

(c) The use of automated license plate readers is restricted to qualified transportation purposes and to local, county, and state law enforcement officers who shall only use the devices subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) An ALPR system shall be installed for the sole purpose of recording and checking license plates and shall not be capable of photographing or recording or producing images of the occupants of a motor vehicle.

(2) Authority to obtain, issue, and install an ALPR system and to administer a documented training process for acquiring proficiency in their operation and compliance with federal and state regulations and other appropriate legal mandates shall be vested in the head of the state police or the chief of police, director, county sheriff, or other head of a law enforcement agency or his or her designee, subject to subsection (b). Only an ALPR system authorized by the head of the law enforcement agency shall be approved for its use by its officers and the ALPR system shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations and the law enforcement agency’s policies and procedures. Such policy and procedures shall conform to the requirements of this section. Each law enforcement agency that operates an ALPR system or enters into a contract with a service provider shall:

(i) identify one employee immediately responsible for the ALPR system and ALPR data who shall insure that the requirements of this section for limiting access, use, retention and disclosure of ALPR data, and each rule and regulation promulgated by the commission related to this section, are followed;

(ii) inform each of its employees having any responsibility or function in the design, development, operation, or maintenance of the ALPR system, or the use of any ALPR data, of each safeguard required by this section and of each rule and regulation promulgated by the commission related to this section; and

(iii) incorporate the requirements of this section, and each rule and regulation promulgated by the commission related to this section, into their policies and procedures.

(3) Prior to using an ALPR system, the law enforcement agency intending to use the ALPR system shall register it with the executive office of public safety and security on forms approved by the secretary for that purpose. The head of the law enforcement agency shall certify that the ALPR system meets all the requirements of this section and that the agency has policies and procedures in effect governing its use and a documented training process for the officers that will use it.

(4) The law enforcement agency shall ensure that data is entered into the ALPR system through a hard link or wireless upload on a daily basis for the purpose of making deletions and additions to keep current the lists against which the device is scanning. Officers shall make manual changes to the list during their shifts when they become aware that new bulletins are issued or bulletins are canceled. Partial plate numbers or characters reported as a result of serious crimes may be entered into the ALPR system in an attempt to identify suspected vehicles used in connection with the crime.

(5) ALPR system operation and access to ALPR data shall be for official law enforcement purposes only. An ALPR system shall only be used to scan, detect, and identify license plate numbers for the purpose of identifying:

(a) Stolen vehicles.

(b) Vehicles associated with wanted, missing, or endangered persons.

(c) Vehicles registered to a person against whom there is an outstanding warrant.

(d) Vehicles registered to persons whose drivers' licenses, driving privileges, or vehicle registrations are under suspension or revocation.

(e) Vehicles registered to persons suspected of criminal or terrorist acts, transportation of stolen items or contraband, or motor vehicle violations.

(f) Vehicles in violation of commercial trucking requirements.

(g) Vehicles involved in case-specific criminal investigative surveillance.

(h) Vehicles involved in homicides, shootings, and other major crimes or incidents.

(i) Vehicles in the vicinity of a recent crime that may be connected to the crime.

(6) A positive match by an ALPR system alone shall not constitute reasonable suspicion as grounds for a law enforcement officer to stop the vehicle. The officer shall develop independent reasonable suspicion for the stop or immediately confirm visually that the license plate on the vehicle matches the image of the license plate displayed on the ALPR system and confirm by other means that the license plate number is on one of the lists specified in paragraph (5).

(7) Prior to stopping a vehicle based on an ALPR system alarm, the officer shall attempt to visually verify that the number plate on the list matches the digital image displayed on the ALPR system. If it matches the alarm it shall be accepted and the officer shall initiate a query of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database.

(8) Records of number plates read by each ALPR system shall not be recorded or transmitted anywhere and shall be purged from the system within 3 minutes of their capture in such a manner that they are destroyed and are not recoverable, unless an alarm resulted in an arrest, a citation, or protective custody, or identified a vehicle that was the subject of a missing person or wanted broadcast, in which a law enforcement agency shall:

(1) immediately obtain a warrant issued under section 2 of chapter 276 upon a showing of probable cause, which warrant shall particularly describe the warrant subject, the ALPR data the law enforcement agency seeks to retain, and the period of data retention, which shall be no longer than necessary to achieve the objective of the warrant;

(2) when exigent circumstances exist, retain the ALPR data, subject to the following limitations:

(i) the law enforcement agency shall contemporaneously document the factual basis for the exigent circumstances;

(ii) the ALPR data shall only be used in relation to the exigent circumstances;

(iii) not later than 48 hours after the ALPR data is collected the law enforcement agency shall apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for an order approving the exigent circumstances, supported by the affidavit of a supervisory official describing the grounds for the exigent circumstances. The court shall grant the order only upon finding that exigent circumstances existed.

(iv) Continued ALPR data retention beyond 24 hours shall require a warrant under paragraph (1); and

(v) if the application under clause (iii) is denied or is not timely made, the law enforcement agency shall immediately delete the ALPR data collected, shall not use it for any purpose, and said ALPR data shall not be received in evidence in any proceeding; or

(3) purge the ALPR data from the system.

This subsection shall also apply to the use of an ALPR system and access to ALPR data when requested by a non-Massachusetts law enforcement agency.

ALPR data obtained for the purposes described in paragraph (5) shall not be used or shared for any other purpose.

(9) Access to ALPR data shall only be allowed on a case-by-case basis, for legitimate law enforcement investigative prosecution, or audit verification purposes. Law enforcement agencies and service providers shall limit access to ALPR data to an agency's and service provider's authorized personnel and implement access controls to ensure that only individuals with appropriate clearance are able to retrieve ALPR data. All inquiries of ALPR data shall be recorded for purposes of an audit trail and maintained by the law enforcement agency in the same manner as criminal history logs, and shall include but is not limited to the purpose for the accessing ALPR data shall be documented for each access, including but not limited to, user identity, date, time, an incident report number, as well as the specific crime under investigation.

(10) To ensure compliance with the provisions of this section or to investigate complaints of misuse of ALPR systems, the attorney general or a designee acting at the request of the attorney general may examine and audit any ALPR system, a server used to store ALPR data, and records pertaining to the use of ALPR systems maintained by any state, county, or local law enforcement agency and the attorney general may seek an injunction banning the use of ALPR systems by an agency found to have used an ALPR system or systems in repeated violation of this section and requiring the confiscation of an ALPR system if the attorney general deems it necessary to prevent ongoing violations or deter future violations of this section.

(11) A law enforcement agency using an ALPR system shall report to the secretary annually, beginning one year from the date equipment is deployed, the following information compiled for the previous year:

(a) The number of devices in use.

(b) The number of matches made by the ALPR system.

(c) The number of matches that identified vehicles and individuals sought by law enforcement and that resulted in stops of vehicles or individuals.

(d) The number of matches that resulted in searches of vehicles and individuals, releases, arrests, or other outcomes.

(e) Other information requested by the secretary.

Annually, the executive office of public safety and security shall compile a report on the use of ALPR data by law enforcement agencies, which shall include but is not limited to, the information and data provided in this paragraph broken down by law enforcement agency. The executive office of public safety and security shall publish the report on its website not later than May 1 of each year.

(12) Except as expressly allowed pursuant to this section, ALPR data shall not be shall not be used, shared, or accessed for any other purpose, including but not limited to, personal

use, political activity, advertising or marketing purposes, or surveillance unrelated to the purposes described in this section.

A person who misuses an ALPR system or ALPR data shall be subject to discipline, administrative penalties, and criminal prosecution, if applicable.

(c) Each law enforcement agency that operates an ALPR system or enters into a contract with a service provider shall conduct mandatory training for all authorized users regarding data privacy, legal compliance, and ethical use of ALPR systems and data.

(d) Law enforcement agencies and service providers shall conduct semiannual audits of ALPR data access logs to detect and address any unauthorized or suspicious activity.

(e) A violation of this section by a law enforcement agency, an entity using ALPR for qualified transportation purposes, or service provider with respect to ALPR data that can be associated, directly or indirectly, with an identifiable person shall constitute an injury in fact to that person. A person may bring a civil action against a law enforcement agency, entity performing a qualified transportation purpose, or service provider for damages as a result of such violations, and the person damaged may bring an action against such agency or service provider to recover any damages sustained. (2) Notwithstanding any liability for actual damages as may be shown, such agency or service provider shall be liable for exemplary damages of $1,000 for each violation together with such costs and reasonable attorney's fees as may be incurred in said action.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit: (1) the definition of a public record under clause 26 of section 7 of chapter 4; (2) the application of chapters 66, 66A, or section 3B of chapter 214; or (3) an agency or service provider's ability to comply with a defendant's discovery requests or a judicial order by a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION __. The commission shall promulgate regulations implementing section __ not later than July 1, 2027."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Oliveira, Cronin, O'Connor and Collins moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section___ the following section:- 8

"SECTION __. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state retirement board shall retire Jamie J. Magarian, a uniformed member of the department of state police, who as a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of his duties in March 2018, is totally and permanently incapacitated from performing the essential duties of a uniformed member of the department of state police.

(b) The annual amount of pension payable to Jamie J. Magarian shall be equal to the regular rate of compensation that would have been paid had he continued in service as a uniformed member of the department of state police at the grade held by him at the time of his retirement until his death or reaching mandatory retirement age, whichever comes first. The additional benefits granted in this act shall be funded and administered by the state retirement board, consistent with and subject to chapter 32 of the General Laws. All amounts paid under this act shall be non-taxable to the extent allowable under state law.

(c) Upon attaining the mandatory retirement age for a uniformed member of the department of state police, Jamie J. Magarian shall receive a pension pursuant to section 7 of said chapter 32, a yearly amount of pension equal to 80 per cent of the annual rate of the compensation he was receiving on the day before he reaches the mandatory retirement age for a uniformed member of the department of state police of the commonwealth.

SECTION __. Jamie J. Magarian shall be entitled to receive indemnification for all hospital, medical and related expenses that have been or may be incurred after the date of his retirement as a result of the injuries sustained by him while in the performance of his duties in March 2018.

SECTION __. In addition to the benefits granted herein and upon retirement, Jamie J. Magarian shall receive a lump sum from the state retirement board equal to his total accumulated retirement deductions.

SECTION __. If Jamie J. Magarian is married at the time of retirement, then upon his death, should his spouse, survive him, the state retirement board shall pay to her an annuity in the amount of 75 per cent of the amount of the pension that otherwise would have been payable to him until her death.

SECTION __. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore and Payano moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section __ the following section:- 9

"SECTION __. Section 115A of chapter 6 of the General Laws 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*.

Mr. Durant moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting the following section:- 12

"SECTION X. Chapter 183 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 4. The parcels of land that may be transferred to the department of agricultural resources pursuant to section 3 contain approximately 175 acres, and are shown as the agricultural fields numbered 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14A, 14C, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22 on the plan entitled 'Plan of Land in Templeton, MA' prepared by Northeast Survey Consultants and dated July 27, 2017 on file with the division of capital asset management and maintenance, subject to modifications pursuant to section 3 and the parcel shown as AF 13 and the western portion of AF1 containing approximately 54 acres on the plan entitled 'Plan of Land in Templeton, MA & Phillipston MA' prepared by Northeast Survey Consultants and dated March 18, 2025 and recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 983, Plan 11.

SECTION X. Said chapter 183 of the acts of 2022 is hereby further amended by striking out section 6 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 6. The agricultural fields and parcels that may be conveyed pursuant to section 5 are the agricultural fields numbered 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 14B and the parcels labeled LA 2, LA 3 and LA 4 on the plan entitled 'Plan of Land in Templeton, MA' prepared by Northeast Survey Consultants and dated July 27, 2017 on file with the division of capital asset management and maintenance, subject to modifications pursuant to section 5, and the parcels shown as SP2, SP6 and the eastern portion of AF1 containing approximately 10 acres on the plan entitled 'Plan of Land in Templeton, MA & Phillipston MA' prepared by Northeast Survey Consultants and dated March 18, 2025 and recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 983, Plan 11."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section X the following section:- 14

"SECTION XX. Item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'stormwater regulations' the following words: 'and for creating, operating, using, and/or modifying a storm water runoff collection and abatement system in the Town of Rowley to address significant erosion into the Rowley River and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section X the following section:- 15

"SECTION XX. Item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'town of Ipswich' the following words:- 'and for the planning, creation, and operational costs of implementing the feasibility study for a new elementary school on the site of the current Doyon Elementary School, and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr, O'Connor, Durant and Fattman moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section X the following section:- 16

"SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, retail sellers of gasoline for use on public highways shall reduce their retail sales price of gasoline by the amount of the excise imposed by section 4 of chapter 64A of the General Laws for a period of 60 days, and be reimbursed for such reduction via a credit as provided in subsection (d).

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, retail sellers of diesel for use on public highways shall reduce their retail sales price of diesel by the amount of the excise imposed by section 4 of chapter 64E of the General Laws for a period of 60 days, and be reimbursed for such reduction via a credit as provided in subsection (d).

(c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the excise imposed by section 3 of chapter 64F of the General Laws for the propulsion of motor vehicles upon or over the highways of the commonwealth shall be reduced by 24 cents per gallon, for a period of 60 days.

(d) Retail sellers of gasoline and diesel shall keep records of the amount of gasoline and diesel sold at the reduced sales prices ('tax-free gasoline and diesel') pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) and shall certify to the distributor, unclassified exporter, unclassified importer, or supplier from which the fuel was purchased the total gallons of tax-free gasoline and diesel sold and the total amount of savings realized by their customers as a result of these reduced sales prices. The distributor, unclassified exporter, unclassified importer, or supplier shall provide the retail seller with a credit in the amount of such total savings toward payment of the excise pursuant to section 4 of chapter 64A or section 4 of chapter 64E of the General Laws, as applicable. The distributor, unclassified exporter, unclassified importer, or supplier shall report the amount of tax-free gasoline or diesel sold on the applicable return. Retail sellers shall maintain records sufficient to demonstrate that their prices are in compliance with subsections (a) and (b) and shall retain these records in accordance with section 25 of chapter 62C.

(e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, sales tax pursuant to section 2 of chapter 64H of the General Laws shall not be imposed on the sale of gasoline by a distributor, unclassified importer, unclassified exporter, or supplier for use on public highways, or on the sale of diesel for use on public highways, for a period of 60 days.

(f) A violation of subsections (a) or (b) of this section shall be deemed an unfair method of competition and an unfair or deceptive trade practice under chapter 93A of the General Laws.

(g) The 60-day period specified in subsections (a) and (b) shall be considered a market emergency for purposes of 940 C.M.R. 3.00.

(h) The department of revenue may promulgate regulations or other guidance necessary for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of this section.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2027, the comptroller, at the direction of the secretary of administration and finance, shall transfer from the Education and Transportation Fund established in section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund established in

section 2ZZZ of said chapter 29, an amount equal to the amount of excise reported by distributors, unclassified exporters, unclassified importers, or suppliers to the department of revenue attributable to gasoline or diesel sold during the 60 day period described in section 1.

SECTION 3. Section 1 shall be effective 7 days from the effective date of this act."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section X the following section:- 17

"SECTION XX. Item 1599-0026 of section 2 of chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021 is hereby amended by striking out the figure '2025', as appearing in section 32 of chapter 248 of the Acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- '2027'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section X the following section:- 18

"SECTION XX. Item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the figure '2026', as appearing in section 94 of said chapter 73, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- '2027'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section X the following section:- 19

"SECTION XX. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the figure '2026', as appearing in section 114 of said chapter 73, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- '2027'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section X the following section:- 20

"SECTION XX. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 of the acts of 2025, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'van' the following words:- 'and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Friedman and Mr. Tarr moved to amend the proposed new text in section 2A, by inserting the following item:- 22

"xxxx-xxxx For Olga's List, Inc. to sustain and expand statewide stabilization services, including case management, housing and food assistance, employment and workforce development, English language instruction, access to healthcare and public benefits, mental health referrals and family support services for Ukrainian refugees and their families residing in the Commonwealth; provided, funds may be used for personnel, programmatic and administrative costs necessary to deliver services; and provided further, that Olga's List, Inc. shall report to the Office for Refugees and Immigrants on the number of individuals and families served and the services provided.....$300,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Friedman, Messrs. Brady, Cyr, Driscoll and Collins, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Gómez, Oliveira and Cronin, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Keenan and Moore, Ms. Howard, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. O'Connor and Eldridge, Ms. Lovely and Mr. Payano moved to amend the proposed new text in section 2A, by inserting the following item:- 23

"xxxx-xxxx For a reserve fund to assist community-based providers with new federally imposed reporting requirements and to assist patients in maintaining health insurance coverage, including Medicaid; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for each community health center, defined as an entity receiving funding pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 254b, and community

behavioral health center, as defined by section 13D½ of chapter 118E, to conduct health coverage outreach, enrollment, and retention assistance for patients at risk of losing health coverage due to new federally imposed reporting requirements; and provided further, that MassHealth shall administer a grant program to assist community based providers providing behavioral health services in enhancing or establishing outreach and enrollment capacity, including hiring or expanding outreach and enrollment staff and assisting patients in maintaining health insurance coverage or Medicaid eligibility.....$10,000,0000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, Oliveira, Fattman and Brady moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section __ the following section:- 24

SECTION __. Section 15 of Chapter 36 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the words 'micrographic process'; and further amended by inserting after the word 'entered' the words: - 'in a format approved by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore and Ms. Kennedy moved to amend the proposed new text in section 2, in item 7004-0100, by inserting after the word "Programs" the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance to support homelessness services in the City of Worcester and across central Massachusetts"; and by striking out the figure "$8,181,007" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$8,431,007". 25

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, O'Connor, Eldridge, Montigny and Keenan moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section __ the following section:- 34

"SECTION __. Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 152. (a) As used in this section, 'data center' shall mean a facility that is designed to have a load of not less than 25 megawatts and whose primary purpose is the storage, management and processing of digital data via the interconnection and operation of information technology and network telecommunications equipment, including all related facilities and infrastructure for backup electricity generation, power distribution, environmental control, cooling and security.

(b) Any new or expanded data center seeking any permit from the department or the energy facilities siting board shall:

(1) procure sufficient electricity supply to meet their operational needs, including any backup energy generation, using not less than 100 per cent renewable energy resources.

(2) demonstrate compliance the Statement of Expectations for Responsible Data Center Development and Operations in Massachusetts, published June 25, 2026, including those related to air quality and public health, water use, and community engagement; and

(3) file a community benefits agreement approved by the legislative body of the host municipality in which the data center is or will be located, provided that:

(i) prior to filing a community benefits agreement with a municipality for approval, any data center applicant shall consult with the Office of Environmental Justice and Equity to confirm alignment with principles of meaningful engagement and community benefits plans outlined in Office of Environmental Justice and Equity's standards and guidance; and

(ii) prior to submitting a community benefits agreement to a municipality for approval, a data center applicant shall provide said agreement to Office of Environmental Justice and Equity for review and comment. The data center applicant shall submit Office of Environmental Justice and Equity's written feedback and comment alongside the community benefits agreement.

(c) The department of environmental protection shall promulgate regulations ensuring that data center projects with peak electricity demand exceeding twenty-five megawatts have procured sufficient incremental new clean electricity generation to meet their annual electric consumption, including any energy generated by backup generators, and that such electricity procured meets the eligibility requirements to qualify under the Clean Energy Standard under 310 CMR 7.75. Any data centers that do not procure sufficient incremental clean electricity to meet their annual electric consumption, including any energy generated by backup generators, shall make an alternative compliance payment, as determined by the department of environmental protection. Funds collected from said alternative compliance payments shall be credited to a Ratepayer Protection Fund, with said funds used to mitigate electricity supply costs for all ratepayers.

(d) A municipality, county, or state permitting-related agency, shall not enter into a non-disclosure agreement with a data center project applicant, except as otherwise provided by law."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Moore, Montigny, O'Connor, Eldridge and Tarr moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after item 2820-2000 the following item:- 35

"xxxx-xxxx For continued and expanded access to the Home Energy Assistance to Middle-Income Residents program established under Executive Order No. 659 or any successor executive order .....$10,000,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr, Montigny and Durant moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section _ the following section:- 37

"SECTION _. Chapter 25 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 22 the following section:

Section 22A.

(a) Program administrators of energy savings programs under the collaborative, otherwise known as 'Mass Save,' including electric and gas distribution companies, shall submit a report, no later than February 1 of each year, detailing the following:

(i) operational and administrative costs of implementing energy savings programs, including but not limited to oversight, program management, and staffing;

(ii) consumer incentive costs to promote program participation;

(iii) total spending in residential programs administered, including a breakdown of spending for each program by geographic region, income, race, and ethnicity;

(iv) spending for each commercial program administered, including by region;

(v) total costs of rebates, contractor payments, installation, and any other relevant program implementation costs;

(vi) any other relevant costs deemed necessary by program administrators.

The report shall be submitted to the clerks of the House and Senate and published on Mass Save's website.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term "administrative expenses" shall mean overhead and labor costs in carrying out energy savings programs. Program administrators shall not exceed 10 per cent of the amount of funds allocated to energy savings programs for administrative expenses."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr and Montigny moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section _ the following section:- 38

"SECTION __. Subsection (f) of section 11F of chapter 25A, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentences:-

Not less than fifty per cent of alternative compliance payments made pursuant to this section shall be credited directly to electric ratepayers. The department of energy resources,

in consultation with the department of public utilities, shall establish by regulation a mechanism to ensure that: (1) all such payments are returned to ratepayers in the service territory of the retail electricity supplier or municipal aggregator that submitted the payment, on a per kilowatt-hour basis or other equitable crediting method; and (2) the credits shall appear as bill reductions or refunds to ratepayers within 90 days of the close of the compliance year in which the payment was made. Any administrative costs associated with implementing this subsection shall be minimized and may be deducted from such payments prior to their return to ratepayers, provided that such deductions do not exceed reasonable expenses as approved by the department of public utilities."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Tarr, O'Connor, Durant and Fattman moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section _ the following sections:- 39

"SECTION_. Section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29, after the definition of 'Dedicated transportation income surtax revenue amount', the following definition:-

'Dedicated K–12 education income surtax revenue amount', the amount of not less than $300,000,000 for each fiscal year, to be credited to the Commonwealth K–12 Education Fund established in section 2PPPPPP.";

In said section 2BBBBBB in the definition of "Remaining income surtax revenue" by inserting after the words "revenue amount" the following words:-

", the dedicated K–12 education income surtax revenue amount";

In said section 2BBBBBB by inserting after subsection (a½) the following subsection:-

"(a¾) The dedicated K–12 education income surtax revenue amount shall be credited to the Commonwealth K–12 Education Fund established in section 2PPPPPP. Amounts credited to said fund shall be expended, subject to appropriation, for public elementary and secondary education, including but not limited to programs, services, operations, supports, and improvements that advance educational quality, equity, access, and student success in the commonwealth."; and

By inserting after Section 7 the following section:-

"SECTION _. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2OOOOOO the following section:-

Section 2PPPPPP. Commonwealth K–12 Education Fund.

There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Commonwealth K–12 Education Fund. The fund shall be credited with: (i) the dedicated K–12 education income surtax revenue amount as defined in section 2BBBBBB; (ii) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court for the purposes of this fund; (iii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations; and (iv) any interest earned on the assets of the fund.

Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, subject to appropriation, for public elementary and secondary education, including but not limited to initiatives, programs, services, operations, supports, and improvements that further the educational mission of the commonwealth's public schools.

The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. The fund shall not be subject to section 5C. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda and Mr. O'Connor moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting the following section:- 42

"SECTION ___. 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 until December 31, 2027. Said chapter 1 is hereby amended by striking out the

words ‘All appointments to the commission shall be made not later than March 31, 2025.’ 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. Said chapter 1 is hereby further amended by striking out the words “December 31, 2026’, where they appear in the commission’s reporting deadline, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- ‘December 31, 2027’.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Brady and Moore moved to amend the proposed new text by adding the following section:- 43

“SECTION XX. 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 *rejected*.

Messrs. Brady and Moore moved to amend the proposed new text by adding the following section:- 44

“SECTION XX. Section 1.30 of Chapter 156D of the General laws is hereby amended in line 2 by inserting at the beginning the following:- ‘(a)’; and further, by inserting at the end thereof the following subsection:-

1.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 *rejected*.

Mr. Keenan moved to amend the proposed new text in section 2A, in item 1596-2527, by adding the following words:- “; provided further, that not less than $14,000 shall be expended to the town of Abington for pedestrian traffic devices”; and by striking out the figure “$159,800,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “$159,814,000”. 48

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section __ the following sections:- 51

“SECTION __. Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 47CCC the following section:-

Section 47AAAA. 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 8DDD the following section:-

Section 8EEE. 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 4DDD the following section:-

Section 4EEE. 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 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 __. 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 __. Subsection (a) of said section 16 of said chapter 176O, 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 said section 16 of said chapter 176O, 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*.

Messrs. Tarr, Durant and O'Connor moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section _ the following section:- 52

“SECTION_. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary the state superintendent of buildings shall erect within the state house in a location to be determined by the art commission a suitable plaque to commemorate the heroic services in the Global War on Terror of the service members from Massachusetts who were awarded the congressional medal of honor.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda moved to amend the proposed new text in section 2A, by inserting the following item:- 58

“XXXX-XXXX For a grant to the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency to establish and administer a small business fire recovery grant program for businesses impacted by the September 28, 2026 fire at 62 to 78 Warren street in the Nubian Square section of the city of Boston; provided, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for direct grants to small businesses displaced, damaged or otherwise impacted by said fire; provided further, that eligible expenses shall include, but not be limited to, temporary relocation, rent and lease assistance, replacement of equipment and inventory, reopening expenses, working capital and other business recovery costs; provided further, that expenses incurred on or after September 28, 2026 may be reimbursed; provided further, that the agency shall establish a simple and expedited application and award process with minimal documentation requirements;

provided further, that no matching funds shall be required; provided further, that the agency shall coordinate with Roxbury Main Streets, Inc. and the city of Boston to provide outreach and assistance to affected businesses; and provided further, that the agency may provide advance grant payments to support immediate recovery needs .....$1,000,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting the following section:- 59

"SECTION ___. Item 7008-1116 of section 2 of chapter 9 of the acts of 2025, as amended by sections 170 and 171 of chapter 73 of the acts of 2025, is hereby further amended by striking out the words 'not less than $25,000 shall be expended to One Love Sports Academy Inc.' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 'not less than $100,000 shall be expended to One Love Sports Academy Inc.; provided further, that funds appropriated for One Love Sports Academy Inc. in this item shall be made available for expenditure through June 30, 2027'; and by striking out the figure '$25,849,500' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- '$25,924,500'"

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting the following section:- 60

"SECTION ___. Section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (n) the following subsection:

(n 1/2) Notwithstanding subsection (n) or any other general or special law to the contrary, a Horace Mann charter school may, through a reservation of seats or a weighted lottery, establish the following preferences for admission, subject to the procedures set forth in this subsection.

Annually, any Horace Mann charter school may reserve up to 20 per cent of the available seats for admission in each class year for eligible applicants who reside within a geographic preference area determined by the school; provided, however, that any unallocated seats shall be released to the general admissions lottery. The reservation of seats and the subsequent admissions preferences shall be administered as follows:

(i) To be eligible for a reserved seat, an applicant must submit an application for admission within an enrollment window established by the school.

(ii) If the number of applicants with an admissions preference exceeds the number of reserved seats, the school shall conduct a randomized lottery among those applicants to fill the reserved seats.

(iii) Any eligible applicant who is not selected for a reserved seat under clause (ii) shall automatically be entered into the general admissions lottery for the school's remaining available seats.

(iv) In the general admissions lottery for the school's remaining available seats, the school shall conduct the lottery in accordance with the enrollment preference categories established in subsection (n) of section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws; provided, however, that any eligible applicant who is not selected for a reserved seat may be granted a statistical advantage by means of a weighted lottery.

The school district and the Horace Mann charter school may adopt a plan to enroll a comparable population of students with disabilities, including students that require a full continuum of support, and may make assignments to the school consistent with the plan.

In the event of a school closure, merger, or comparable event, the school district and the Horace Mann charter school may adopt a plan to enroll impacted students through a reservation of seats, a weighted lottery, or both.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to supersede the enrollment preference granted to siblings of students currently attending the charter school under subsection (n) of section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws.

The department of elementary and secondary education may issue guidance and administrative procedures as necessary to assist districts and Horace Mann charter schools in implementing the weighted lottery and geographic preference."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda moved to amend the proposed new text in section 2, in item 2810-0100, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended by the department of conservation and recreation for increased public safety measures, including additional park ranger patrols, security improvements and enhanced monitoring along the Edgewater Greenway Trail and at Kennedy Playground in the Mattapan section of the city of Boston"; and by striking out the figure "$855,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$1,055,000". 61

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Miranda moved to amend the proposed new text in section 2, in item 4512-0200, by adding the following words:- "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for Torch Light Recovery, Inc. to support culturally responsive substance use disorder recovery services, peer recovery coaching, recovery café programming, reentry support services and community outreach in the city of Boston"; and by striking out the figure "$14,071,288" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$14,271,288". 62

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Moore moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section __ the following section:- 65

"SECTION __. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be established a special commission for identifying means of reducing emissions from medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in the short term while the Commonwealth transitions to zero-emissions in the long term. The commission shall be convened by the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, in consultation with the department of environmental protection, for the purpose of examining and recommending actions that may be taken by the commonwealth, municipalities, fleet owners, vehicle retailers, fuel providers, utilities, infrastructure developers, training providers, and other affected stakeholders to reduce emissions from medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in the near term while building the infrastructure, workforce, market conditions, and operational readiness necessary for a long-term transition to zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty transportation.

(b) Unless otherwise stated, members shall be appointed by the governor. The commission shall consist of the secretary of energy and environmental affairs, or a designee, who shall serve as co-chair; the commissioner of the department of environmental protection, or a designee, who shall serve as co-chair; the secretary of transportation, or a designee; the commissioner of the department of energy resources, or a designee; a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader; a member of the Senate appointed by the Senate President; a member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader; a representative of an environmental organization with expertise in transportation emissions; a representative of an environmental justice organization or community-based organization representing communities disproportionately affected by transportation emissions; a representative of a statewide environmental organization; a representative of the franchised medium- and heavy-duty truck dealers or retailers; a representative of a statewide trucking association; a representative of the construction industry; a representative of utility contractors or public works contractors; a representative of the towing and recovery industry; a representative of the waste and recycling industry; a representative of food distributors or grocery supply-chain operators; a representative of municipal fleet operators; a representative of regional transit authorities, other public-sector fleet passenger operators or private passenger operators; a representative of the landscaping, arborist, or lawn care industry; a

representative of the agricultural, forestry, or natural resources sector; and, a representative of a statewide organization representing the business community.

(c) The commission shall investigate, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning (i) a comprehensive strategy for identifying near-term strategies to reduce emissions from medium- and heavy-duty vehicles without delaying the long-term transition to zero-emission transportation; (ii) evaluating the role of cleaner liquid fuels and lower-carbon fuels, including renewable diesel, biodiesel, renewable natural gas, propane, and other fuels that may be used in existing or readily available vehicles and equipment; (iii) recommending incentives, grant programs, tax policies, financing mechanisms, or public-private partnerships to encourage voluntary fleet turnover and the deployment of cleaner vehicles; (iv) reviewing whether eligibility criteria for existing state grant, rebate, or incentive programs should be expanded to include clean diesel, hybrid, alternative-fuel, hydrogen, battery-electric, and other lower-emission or zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles where such vehicles produce measurable emissions benefits; and (v) recommending any statutory, regulatory, budgetary, administrative, or programmatic changes necessary to implement the commission's findings.

(d) The executive office of energy and environmental affairs and the department of environmental protection shall provide administrative support to the commission. The commission may request from any state agency, authority, or political subdivision such information and assistance as the commission considers necessary to complete its work. State agencies shall cooperate with reasonable requests of the commission to the extent permitted by law.

(d). Not later than 12 months after the effective date of this section, the commission shall file a report of its findings and recommendations with the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy, the joint committee on transportation, the joint committee on environment and natural resources, the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the office of the Governor.".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Barrett moved to amend the proposed new text by adding the following section:- 68

"SECTION XX. Chapter 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking section 101 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 101. Notwithstanding any provision of the state building code, specialized code or any other general or special law to the contrary, refrigerants identified as an alternative for use in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 7671k shall be acceptable for use in the commonwealth; provided, however, that the department of environmental protection may adopt regulations restricting, conditioning, or prohibiting the use of any such refrigerants where the department determines that such action is necessary to protect public health, safety, or the environment, or to meet statewide greenhouse gas emission limits and sublimits established under chapter 21N."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Eldridge moved to amend the proposed new text by adding a new 74 section:-

"SECTION XX. Item 2800-0700 of said section 2 of said chapter 137 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'dam project' the following words:- '; and provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the renovation, restoration or demolition of the reservoir dam in the town of Northborough'; and by striking out the figure '$855,817' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- '$880,817'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. DiDomenico, Ms. Howard, Mr. Eldridge and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the 78 proposed new text by inserting after section ___ the following sections:-

"SECTION ___. Subsection (b) of Section 89 of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following words:- 'The board shall consist of 21 members,' and replacing it thereof with the following:- 'The board shall consist of 23 members,'

SECTION ___. Said subsection (b) of said Section 89 of said Chapter 119 is further amended by inserting after the words 'Massachusetts juvenile justice advisory committee or a designee' the following:- '; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Youth or a designee'.

SECTION ___. Said subsection (b) of said Section 89 of said Chapter 119 is further amended by striking out the following words:- '2 of whom shall be parents whose children have been subject to juvenile court jurisdiction and' and replacing it thereof with the following:- '3 of whom shall be individuals with past juvenile justice involvement from a list provided by The Transformation Center DBA Kiva Centers and a list provided by the Parent/Professional Advocacy League, Inc, at least 1 of whom is a parent whose child has been subject to juvenile court jurisdiction and 1 of whom is an adult who was subject to juvenile court jurisdiction as a child, and'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. DiDomenico moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after item 7010-0005 the following item:- 80

"7010-1192 for MathTalk in the city of Cambridge for programming and services to encourage children and families, especially in economically distressed areas, to discover and enjoy mathematics..... $25,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. DiDomenico moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after item 7004-9315 the following item: 81

"7008-1116 for North Suffolk Community Services for allocation to Youth Elemento in the city of Chelsea to provide mentorship and community services…….$50,000".

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely and Messrs. Keenan, Montigny, Tarr and O'Connor moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section _ the following sections:- 83

"SECTION X. Section 178C of chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the words "or indecent assault and battery on a child who has attained the age of 14 but is under the age of 18 by a mandated reporter under section 23A1/2 of said chapter 265", as appearing in section 4 of chapter 137 of the acts of 2026, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- , or under the age of 22 if the individual is a school age child with a disability as defined in section 1 of said chapter 71B or resides in a group care facility licensed by the department of early education and care under section 6 of said chapter 15D or in the care and custody of the department of youth services or indecent assault and battery on a child who has attained the age of 14 but is under the age of 18, individuals under the age of 22 who receive services from the department of developmental services, or under the age of 22 if the individual is a school age child with a disability as defined in section 1 of said chapter 71B or resides in a group care facility licensed by the department of early education and care under section 6 of said chapter 15D, or in the care and custody of the department of youth services, by a mandated reporter under section 23A1/2 of said chapter 265.

SECTION X. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 23A 1/2, as appearing in section 86 of chapter 137 of the acts 2026, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 23A1/2. (a) For the purpose of this section, the following word shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meaning:

'Vulnerable young person,' a young person over the age of 18 but under the age of 22 who because of a developmental delay or intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning or health impairment, or a combination thereof, is unable to progress effectively in regular education and requires special education services or who resides in a group care facility licensed by the department of early education and care or a youth committed to the care or custody of the department of youth services, or individuals under the age of 22 who receive services from the department of developmental services.

(b) Whoever has sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse with a vulnerable young person or a child who has attained the age of 16 but is under the age of 18 and who exercises or has at any time exercised custodial or supervisory authority over such child or vulnerable young person as a mandated reporter as defined in section 21 of chapter 119, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 20 years. A prosecution commenced under this subsection shall not be continued without a finding or placed on file.

(c) Whoever commits an indecent assault and battery on a vulnerable young person or a child who has attained the age of 14 but is under the age of 18 and who exercises or has at any time exercised custodial or supervisory authority over such child or vulnerable young personas a mandated reporter as defined in section 21 of chapter 119, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years, or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years. (d) In a prosecution under this section, a vulnerable young person or a child under the age of 18 shall be deemed incapable of consenting to any conduct of the defendant for which such defendant is being prosecuted. (e) It shall not be a defense to a prosecution under this section that the defendant's custodial or supervisory authority over the child or vulnerable young person has ended, if the child is under the age of 18, or is a vulnerable young person, at the time of the offense."

The amendment was *rejected*.

84 Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new text in item xxxx-xxxx, by adding the following words:- "; provided further than not less than $5,000 shall be expended to the city of Salem Cemetery Department for replacement of the missing Elijah Sanderson headstone at the Broad Street cemetery"; and by striking out the figure "$" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "$".

The amendment was *rejected*.

85 Ms. Lovely and Messrs. Moore, Payano and O'Connor moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section ___ the following section:-

"SECTION XX. The third paragraph of section 10A of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-

The payment rate for a service provided by a licensed certified professional midwife that is within the scope of the licensed certified professional midwife's authorization to practice shall be no less than the payment rate for the same service if performed by a physician, regardless of the site of services."

The amendment was *rejected*.

86 Ms. Lovely, Ms. Jehlen and Messrs. Montigny, Velis, Eldridge and Tarr moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section ____ the following sections:-

"SECTION __. Section 1 of chapter 117A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after the second paragraph, the following paragraph:-

'Effective July 1, 2027, the personal needs allowance retained by an eligible resident of a licensed nursing facility, licensed chronic hospital, licensed rest home or approved public medical institution shall be not less than $75.42 per month, reflecting an increase of 3.6 per cent over the allowance of $72.80 in effect on June 30, 2027. Beginning July 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the allowance shall be increased by the percentage increase in Social Security benefits authorized for the applicable calendar year, or by such other percentage as

may be established by law for the applicable cost-of-living adjustment, provided that the allowance shall not be reduced as a result of any such adjustment.'

SECTION __. Section 15 of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking, in the paragraph governing the personal needs allowance for eligible residents of nursing facilities and other covered institutions, the figure '$72.80' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- '$75.42, effective July 1, 2027'.

SECTION __. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall promulgate any regulations and issue any instructions necessary to implement this section, including any conforming changes to MassHealth payment and reimbursement policies, effective July 1, 2027."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Brady and Moore, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Miranda, Ms. Howard and Messrs. Tarr, Payano and Mark moved to amend the proposed new text by adding the following sections:- 95

"SECTION XX. Section 7 of chapter 70B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the figure '$1,200,000,000' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $1,400,000,000.

SECTION XX. Said section 7 of said chapter 70B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, for each fiscal year starting in fiscal year 2027, following the authority's review of its financial health and audited financial statements, the authority may vote to award additional grants up to 10 per cent over the limit set forth in this section. The amount of any such additional grants shall be calculated separately and shall not impact the calculation of the annual limit in subsequent fiscal years. The authority may periodically adopt guidelines and policies related to the administration of the annual limit and additional grants.

SECTION XX. Section 10 of said chapter 70B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:-

The grant percentage for approved school projects shall be applied to eligible costs, as determined by the authority in accordance with this chapter and any applicable regulations, policies or procedures set forth by the authority to implement this chapter. Such grant percentage shall be calculated based on the following formula; provided, however, that no grant percentage shall be greater than 80 per cent, unless any such percentage reimbursement points in excess of 80 per cent are earned by an eligible applicant for achieving the standards necessary to be awarded incentive percentage points by the authority in accordance with paragraph (C) of subsection (a).

SECTION XX. Section 17 of said chapter 70B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsections (a) and (b) and inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:-

(a) The authority shall submit an annual report to the governor, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education.

(b) The authority shall conduct a periodic survey of the cities, towns and regional school districts to determine the need for new school facility construction to meet demand. Such periodic surveys shall include a listing of each school building within the commonwealth, together with a description of its size, capacity, age and state of maintenance and whether such school is likely to require construction, enlargement, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement due to such factors, including, but not limited to, deterioration, anticipated increases in school-age population or lack of adequate facilities to meet educational standards. Upon completion, the authority shall make such periodic surveys publicly available and shall submit such periodic surveys to the governor, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Mark, Moore, Cronin, Driscoll, Lewis, Collins, Payano, Brady, Eldridge and Montigny, Ms. Miranda, Ms. Edwards, Mrs. Dooner, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Cyr and Ms. Howard moved to amend the proposed new text by adding at the end thereof the following sections:- 96

"SECTION X. Section 3 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, is hereby amended in subsection (g) by striking out, after the words 'any correctional institution' the words 'or prison camp'.

SECTION XX. Said Section 3 of said Chapter 32, is hereby amended in said subsection, by striking out the words 'female correction officer,' in the first instance in which it appears.

SECTION XY. Said Section 3 of said Chapter 32, is hereby amended in said subsection, by striking the words 'assistant industrial shop manager, industrial shop manager, assistant to the supervisor of industries, senior correction officer, senior female correction officer, supervising female correction officer, prison camp officer, senior prison camp officer, supervising prison camp officer, assistant deputy superintendent' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 'correctional program officer, facility director, deputy superintendent, superintendent'."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Mark and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new text by adding at the end thereof the following sections:- 98

"SECTION XX. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (a) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2027 shall be distributed not later than December 1, 2026 pursuant to a transfer schedule determined by the executive office for administration and finance.

SECTION XX. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (b) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2026 shall be distributed not later than December 1, 2026 pursuant to a transfer schedule as determined by the executive office for administration and finance."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Messrs. Fattman, Durant and O'Connor and Mrs. Dooner moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section X the following section:- 102

"SECTION X. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, retail sellers of gasoline for use on public highways shall reduce their retail sales price of gasoline by the amount of the excise imposed by section 4 of chapter 64A of the General Laws for a period of 60 days, and be reimbursed for such reduction via a credit as provided in subsection (d).

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, retail sellers of diesel for use on public highways shall reduce their retail sales price of diesel by the amount of the excise imposed by section 4 of chapter 64E of the General Laws for a period of 60 days, and be reimbursed for such reduction via a credit as provided in subsection (d).

(c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the excise imposed by section 3 of chapter 64F of the General Laws for the propulsion of motor vehicles upon or over the highways of the commonwealth shall be reduced by 24 cents per gallon, for a period of 60 days.

(d) Retail sellers of gasoline and diesel shall keep records of the amount of gasoline and diesel sold at the reduced sales prices ("tax-free gasoline and diesel") pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) and shall certify to the distributor, unclassified exporter, unclassified importer, or supplier from which the fuel was purchased the total gallons of tax-free gasoline and diesel

sold and the total amount of savings realized by their customers as a result of these reduced sales prices. The distributor, unclassified exporter, unclassified importer, or supplier shall provide the retail seller with a credit in the amount of such total savings toward payment of the excise pursuant to section 4 of chapter 64A or section 4 of chapter 64E of the General Laws, as applicable. The distributor, unclassified exporter, unclassified importer, or supplier shall report the amount of tax-free gasoline or diesel sold on the applicable return. Retail sellers shall maintain records sufficient to demonstrate that their prices are in compliance with subsections (a) and (b) and shall retain these records in accordance with section 25 of chapter 62C.

(e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, sales tax pursuant to section 2 of chapter 64H of the General Laws shall not be imposed on the sale of gasoline by a distributor, unclassified importer, unclassified exporter, or supplier for use on public highways, or on the sale of diesel for use on public highways, for a period of 60 days.

(f) A violation of subsections (a) or (b) of this section shall be deemed an unfair method of competition and an unfair or deceptive trade practice under chapter 93A of the General Laws.

(g) The 60-day period specified in subsections (a) and (b) shall be considered a market emergency for purposes of 940 C.M.R. 3.00.

(h) The department of revenue may promulgate regulations or other guidance necessary for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of this section."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved to amend the proposed new text by striking out section 165 in its entirety. 103

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fattman moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section x the following section:- 106

"SECTION X. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, including but not limited to the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Energy Resources, and any office, division, bureau, or quasi-public entity subject to the supervision or control of said executive office, shall not adopt, implement, enforce, incorporate by reference, rely upon, or otherwise give legal or regulatory effect to any rule, regulation, standard, guidance, executive order, advisory opinion, determination, or policy issued by the California Air Resources Board or any successor entity thereto, including but not limited to ZEV, ACC I/II, ACT II.

SECTION X. No new regulation promulgated pursuant to chapter 30A shall incorporate by reference, in whole or in part, any present or future rule, standard, or determination of the California Air Resources Board unless expressly authorized by a subsequent act of the General Court.

SECTION X. Within 180 days of the effective date of this act, the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs shall:

(a) Conduct a comprehensive review of all regulations, policies, memoranda, guidance documents, and enforcement practices under the jurisdiction of the executive office;

(b) Identify any provision that incorporates, relies upon, or conditions compliance upon standards promulgated by the California Air Resources Board; and

(c) Promulgate emergency regulations, where necessary, rescinding or amending such provisions to ensure complete regulatory independence from said board.

SECTION X. Nothing in this act shall prohibit the executive office from reviewing publicly available scientific research or data originating from any jurisdiction; provided, however, that no binding legal obligation, enforcement standard, or regulatory requirement

within the commonwealth shall be contingent upon or automatically updated by actions of the California Air Resources Board."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Lovely and Mr. O'Connor moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section ___ the following section:- 110

"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."

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fernandes moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting at the end thereof the following sections:- 114

"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 adding the following sentence at the end thereof:-

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+1. 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. Tarr and Durant moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3297 relative to Supplemental needs of the commonwealth. 117

The amendment was *rejected*.

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

Messrs. Gómez and Mark move that the proposed new text be amended by inserting after line item 1599-0911 the following line item:- 57

"1599-1623 For Baystate Health's capital and infrastructure costs at Mercy Medical Center in the city of Springfield.....$17,500,000".

The amendment was *rejected.*

Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Cyr, Gómez and Driscoll, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Howard, Ms. Miranda, Messrs. Eldridge and Payano, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Brady and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section 35 the following three sections:- 76

"SECTION 35A. Subparagraph (1) of paragraph (G) of said section 30 of said chapter 23B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of 'Non-state-funded overflow emergency shelter site' the following definition:-

'Rapid track site', a shelter site for unhoused families in the commonwealth that is eligible to receive funding as a temporary respite site under item 1599-2625 of section 2A of chapter 1 of the acts of 2025.

SECTION 35B. Subparagraph (3) of said paragraph (G) of said section 30 of said chapter 23B, as amended by section 4 of chapter 1 of the acts of 2025, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure "6" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 9.

SECTION 35C. Said paragraph (G) of said section 30 of said chapter 23B, as so amended, is hereby further amended by striking out subparagraph (8) and inserting in place thereof the following subparagraph:-

(8) The executive office shall maintain rapid track sites that shall be available to eligible families, as determined by an assessment of family risk pursuant to guidance issued by the executive office, and shall be subject to appropriation, for a period of not more than 30 days, subject to any extensions upon written certification by the secretary of housing and livable communities; provided further, that rapid track sites shall only be available to families who provide information sufficient to comply with paragraph (C½); provided further, that the length of stay at a rapid track site shall constitute a benefit received under the emergency housing assistance program for the purpose of calculating length of stay limit under subparagraph (3) of paragraph (G); provided further, that placement in a rapid track site shall not make a family ineligible for the bridge shelter track after proving eligibility pursuant to section 7 of chapter 1 of the acts of 2025."; and,

By inserting after section 136 the following two sections:-

"SECTION 136A. Item 7004-0101 of section 2 of chapter 137 of the acts of 2026 is hereby amended by striking out the figure '115' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 120.

SECTION 136B. Said item 7004-0101 of said section 2 of said chapter 137 is hereby further amended by striking out the figure '2025' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- '2026'."

After debate, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at three minutes before six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 34 – nays 4) **[Yeas and Nays No. 239]:**

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	Lovely, Joan B.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Mark, Paul W.
Cronin, John J.	Miranda, Liz
Cyr, Julian	Montigny, Mark C.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Moore, Michael O.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	O'Connor, Patrick M.

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. – **34.**

NAYS.

Dooner, Kelly A.	Fattman, Ryan C.
Durant, Peter J.	Tarr, Bruce E. – **4.**

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Lewis, Jason M. – **1.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at five minutes past six o'clock P.M., the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Tarr, Durant, O'Connor and Fattman and Mrs. Dooner moved to amend the 122
proposed new text by inserting the text of Senate document numbered 3298 relative to prioritizing the needs of the commonwealth.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, after debate, the question on adoption of the amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at fourteen minutes before seven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, as follows, to wit (yeas 5 – nays 33) **[Yeas and Nays No. 240]:**

YEAS.

Dooner, Kelly A.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
Durant, Peter J.	Tarr, Bruce E. – **5.**
Fattman, Ryan C.	

NAYS.

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	Lovely, Joan B.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Mark, Paul W.
Cronin, John J.	Miranda, Liz
Cyr, Julian	Montigny, Mark C.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Moore, Michael O.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	Oliveira, Jacob R.
Edwards, Lydia	Payano, Pavel
Eldridge, James B.	Rausch, Rebecca L.
Feeney, Paul R.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Fernandes, Dylan A.	Rush, Michael F.
Finegold, Barry R.	Velis, John C. – **33.**
Friedman, Cindy F.	

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Lewis, Jason M. – **1.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at eight minutes before seven o'clock P.M., the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Tarr, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Moore, Ms. Howard, Messrs. Collins, O'Connor, Brady 36
and Durant, Ms. Lovely, Mr. Montigny, Ms. Edwards and Messrs. Mark, Payano and Fattman moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting in section 2 in line 74 the following new item:-

"1596-2705 For one-time grants to support public schools and districts in the commonwealth in fiscal year 2027; provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary shall distribute funds from this item to each school district, based on the share of foundation enrollment, as defined by section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, attributed to the school district, as defined by said section 2, and to each commonwealth charter school, based on the share of district foundation enrollment attributed to the charter school, as of October 1, 2025; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, assistance funded by this item shall only be available on a one-time, non-recurring basis; provided further, that no funds distributed from this item to a school district, shall be considered base aid in fiscal year 2028; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any funds distributed from this item to a school district shall be deposited in a separate account and shall be expended by the school committee of such school district without further action on the part of the local appropriating authority, provided further, the sum set forth in this item is hereby appropriated from the Education and Transportation Fund established in section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General Laws and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. This sum shall be made available until June 30, 2027…….. $100,000,000".

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected.*

Messrs. Tarr, O'Connor, Durant and Montigny moved to amend the proposed new text by inserting after section_ the following section:- 50

"SECTION _. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purposes of tax years 2026, 2027 and 2028, the real estate tax payment to be considered for purposes of calculating the senior circuit breaker shall include 50 per cent of the owner's home energy utility bills actually paid in the taxable year for which the credit is sought."

The amendment was *rejected.*

Mr. Rodrigues moved to amend the proposed new text by striking out section 17; 77

By striking out section 63 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

"SECTION 63. Said section 1 of said chapter 63, as amended by section 62, is hereby further amended by striking out clauses (g) to (i), inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following 2 clauses:-

(g) the deductions allowed by sections 245A, 250, and 965(c) of the Code; or

(h) the deductions allowed by section 70302(f) of Pub. L. 119-21.";

In section 71, by striking out, in line 753, the words "helmets and respiratory equipment" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "and helmets but excluding auxiliary firefighting personal protective equipment";

In section 72, by striking out, in line 794, the figure "70" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "71";

In section 84, by striking out, in lines 1010 to 1013, inclusive, 1017 to 1019, inclusive, 1023 to 1025, inclusive, and 1029 to 1031, inclusive, the words "a completed report in a format issued by the executive office of labor and workforce development containing workforce demographic and pay data categorized by race, ethnicity, sex and job category", each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "a completed report in a similar format issued by the executive office of labor and workforce development containing the same workforce demographic and pay data categorized by race, ethnicity, sex and job category";

By inserting after section 130 the following section:-

"SECTION 130A. Said item 7008-1116 of said 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words 'microbusiness development initiatives', the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027.";

By inserting after section 133 the following section:-

"SECTION 133A. Said item 8000-0313 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by striking out the words 'for an automated license plate reader system for the police department in the town of Freetown' inserted by section 33 of chapter 101 of the acts of 2026, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- for the Freetown police department to upgrade security and surveillance at the Freetown police headquarters";

By inserting after section 134 the following section:-

"SECTION 134A. Item 9110-0100 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'Vineyard' the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2027";

By inserting after section 138 the following section:-

"SECTION 138A. Said item 1596-2517 of said section 2A of said chapter 101 is hereby further amended by striking out the figure '$40,000' and inserting in place thereof the following figure $120,000";

In section 139, by striking out the figure '$56,471,811' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- $56,551,811;

By inserting after section 150 the following section:-

"SECTION 150A. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 137 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words 'Commerce, Inc. to support' the following words:-downtown businesses and.";

In section 157, by striking out, in lines 1528 and 1529, 1530 and 1531, 1532 and 1533 and 1535, each time they appear, the words "sections 40, 119 and 120" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "sections 62, 168 and 169";

In section 159, by inserting after the figure "1596-2427", in line 1551, the following words "and 1596-2511"; and

In section 182, by striking out the figure "176" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "72".

The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 3290, amended) was then ordered to a third reading and read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at seven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, as follows to wit (yeas 35 – nays 4) **[Yeas and Nays No. 241]**:

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.	Howard, Vanna
Brady, Michael D.	Jehlen, Patricia D.
Brownsberger, William N.	Keenan, John F.
Collins, Nick	Kennedy, Robyn K.
Comerford, Joanne M.	Lewis, Jason M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lovely, Joan B.
Crighton, Brendan P.	Mark, Paul W.
Cronin, John J.	Miranda, Liz
Cyr, Julian	Montigny, Mark C.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Moore, Michael O.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.	O'Connor, Patrick M.
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. – **35.**
Gómez, Adam	

NAYS.

Dooner, Kelly A.	Fattman, Ryan C.
Durant, Peter J.	Tarr, Bruce E. – **4.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at six minutes past seven o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment. [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 3299].

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Collins, at seven minutes past seven o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.