

**MEMORANDUM
OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
IN RESPECT TO THE PETITION OF DANIEL CAHILL RELATIVE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS
CREDIT UNION SHARE INSURANCE CORPORATION**

March 19, 2025

To: The Honorable Senate and
 House of Representatives

On March 13, 2025 the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmitted the above-referenced petition to me with a request for a memorandum pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 3 § 7.

The Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”) was organized by Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1961 for the purpose of creating and maintaining a fund for the issuance of shares and deposits of members of credit unions established under the laws of the Commonwealth. Since its inception, numerous special acts have been adopted amending the provisions of law relative to the Corporation. Most recently, Chapter 323 of the Acts of 2020 amended Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1961 to amend the board of directors, the method and procedure for their election and other matters relative to the board.

The docket before seeks to expand the coverage of the Corporation beyond Massachusetts state chartered credit unions and federally chartered credit unions with a principal office in the commonwealth to now include credit unions organized in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Connecticut or Rhode Island. Specifically, Section 1 expands the purposes of Corporation to include credit unions organized in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Connecticut or Rhode Island and

federally chartered credit unions with its principal office in any of these states. The docket further amends the definition of “Federally chartered credit union” to include a credit union organized under the laws of the United States with a principal office located in the commonwealth, or the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Connecticut or Rhode Island. The docket, additionally amends the definition of “State chartered credit union” to now include a credit union chartered under the laws of the commonwealth, or the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Connecticut or Rhode Island. The docket also seeks to amend Section 1A of Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1961, to amend the definition of “excess member” now including state chartered credit unions. The docket further seeks to amend section 6D of Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1961 to update the sections relative to those excess members.

The docket also further seeks to amend Massachusetts General Law c. 167I and c. 171, permitting the conversion of a mutual bank or stock bank wholly owned by a mutual holding company organized under Chapter 167H to a state chartered credit union, subject to Chapter 171. It further authorizes, contingent upon federal law, a mutual federal savings bank or mutual federal savings and loan association to convert to a credit union. The docket further seeks to set the method and procedure for these conversions.

Special legislation is necessary to accomplish the amendments. No fee is required by a corporation of this type. This office has no opinion on the merits of the legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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