



**Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendations**

SWM	Title	Summary	FY 25 GAA	House 1	HWM
4	Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Modernization 1	Clarifies the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination's status as an independent agency and expands the number of Commissioners from 3 to 5.		5	4
5	Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Modernization 2	Clarifies the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination's status as an independent agency and expands the number of Commissioners from 3 to 5.		6	5
6	State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team	Replaces positions for sitting judges on the State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team with a position for a retired trial court judge.		7	6
7	Department of Transportation Snow and Ice Deficiency	Requires the Department of Transportation to expend \$35,000,000 on snow and ice removal before accessing deficiency funds from the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund.		8	7
8	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 1	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		11	9

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9	Vital Statistics Advisory Commission Expansion	Updates the composition and regulatory process of the Vital Statistics Advisory Commission.		12	
10	Housing Production Dashboard	Requires the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to publish a dashboard online that provides details as to the status and use of funding and other project attributes for housing projects and developments.			
11	Race Horse Development Fund	Amends the distribution of the 9 per cent daily assessment on gross gaming revenue to direct 4.5 per cent of the assessment to the General Fund and 4.5 per cent of the assessment to the Race Horse Development Fund.			
12	Health Care Access Bureau Assessment	Adds dental service corporations to the Division of Insurance's Health Care Access Bureau assessment.		14	12
13	Board of Appeal Modernization 1	Authorizes the Board of Appeal on Motor Vehicle Liability Policies and Bonds to establish rules and regulations facilitating hearings and resolution of Registry of Motor Vehicles appeals.		15	

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14	Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund	Allows funds from the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund to be used for the behavioral health continuum of care.		16	
15	Education and Transportation Fund Technical Update	Increases the amount of income surtax revenue committed to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund to \$600,000,000.		17	13
16	Transportation Funding Tracking Website	Requires the Department of Transportation to maintain a public website to track and monitor spending and progress on projects funded as a result of the increased capacity to issue special obligation bonds or notes from the dedication of transportation income surtax revenue.			
17	Non-Profit Retirement Plans 1	Increases the maximum employee limit from 20 to 100 employees for non-profits to participate in the publicly-managed multi-employer 401(k) plan.		21	16A
18	Non-Profit Retirement Plans 2	Increases the maximum employee limit from 20 to 100 employees for non-profits to participate in the publicly-managed multi-employer 401(k) plan.		22	16B

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19	Creditable Service Clarification	Allows public employees to earn creditable service for retirement system purposes while supplementing non-employer pay using accrued sick, personal or vacation leave.		25	18
20	Vital Statistics Outdated Language Revision 1	Updates outdated language related to vital statistics.		28	
21	Vital Statistics Outdated Language Revision 2	Updates outdated language related to vital statistics.			
22	Vital Statistics Outdated Language Revision 3	Updates outdated language related to vital statistics.		29	
23	Motor Vehicle Excise	Clarifies that the motor vehicle excise tax applies to a vehicle with revoked, suspended or similar status as determined by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.		30	

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24	Estate Tax Clarifications	Clarifies that Massachusetts elections for qualified terminable interest property must be included in Massachusetts estate tax calculations.		48	22
25	Board of Appeal Modernization 2	Authorizes the Board of Appeal on Motor Vehicle Liability Policies and Bonds to establish rules and regulations facilitating hearings and resolution of Registry of Motor Vehicles appeals.		51	
26	Board of Appeal Modernization 3	Authorizes the Board of Appeal on Motor Vehicle Liability Policies and Bonds to establish rules and regulations facilitating hearings and resolution of Registry of Motor Vehicles appeals.		52	
27	Electronic Title 1	Authorizes and directs the Registry of Motor Vehicles to establish a system allowing the electronic transfer of motor vehicle titles.		53	
28	Electronic Title 2	Authorizes and directs the Registry of Motor Vehicles to establish a system allowing the electronic transfer of motor vehicle titles.		54	

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29	Electronic Title 3	Authorizes and directs the Registry of Motor Vehicles to establish a system allowing the electronic transfer of motor vehicle titles.		55	
30	Department of Public Health Determination of Need Fees	Increases the Department of Public Health's Determination of Need fee percentage from 0.2 per cent to 0.7 per cent of capital expenditures.		64	
31	Residential Rental Broker Fees 1	Requires that a broker's fee charged in connection with a residential rental property be paid by the contracting agent.		68	23
32	Senior Care Options Dual Enrollment 1	Limits enrollment in the Senior Care Options Program to MassHealth members who are dually eligible for Medicare and over the age of 65.		69	24
33	Senior Care Options Dual Enrollment 2	Limits enrollment in the Senior Care Options Program to MassHealth members who are dually eligible for Medicare and over the age of 65.		70	25

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34	Senior Care Options Dual Enrollment 3	Limits enrollment in the Senior Care Options Program to MassHealth members who are dually eligible for Medicare and over the age of 65.		71	26
35	Direct Negotiations for Rebates on Certain Drugs and Non-Drug Products	Allows MassHealth to directly negotiate rebate agreements for drugs not subject to the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program and for certain non-drug products.		72	
36	Nursing Facility User Fee Cap	Permits the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to assess nursing facilities up to the maximum federally allowed percentage of revenue cap.		74	27
37	Fare-Free Regional Transit Authorities	Requires all regional transit authorities to eliminate passenger fares for fixed route and certain paratransit service, subject to appropriation.			
38	Residential Rental Broker Fees 2	Requires that a broker's fee charged in connection with a residential rental property be paid by the contracting agent.		79	29

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39	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 2	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		80	30
40	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 3	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		81	31
41	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 4	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		82	32
42	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 5	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		83	33
43	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 6	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		84	34

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44	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 7	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		85	35
45	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 8	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		86	36
46	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 9	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		87	37
47	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 10	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		88	38
48	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 11	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		89	39

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49	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 12	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		90	40
50	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 13	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		91	41
51	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 14	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		92	42
52	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 15	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		93	43
53	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 16	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		94	44

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54	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 17	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		95	45
55	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 18	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		96	46
56	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 19	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		97	47
57	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 20	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		98	48
58	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 21	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		99	49

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59	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 22	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		100	50
60	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 23	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		101	51
61	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 24	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		102	52
62	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 25	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		103	53
63	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 26	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		104	54

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64	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 27	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		105	55
65	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 28	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		106	56
66	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 29	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		107	57
67	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 30	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		108	58
68	Victim Compensation Program Transfer 31	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund from the Office of the Attorney General to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.		109	59

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69	Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement Adjustment	Repeals the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement distribution.		110	60
70	Rate of Payment Flexibility for MassHealth Ground Ambulance Services	Allows MassHealth to pay ambulance claims for dual-eligible individuals at the Medicare rate or at the current MassHealth rate.		113	
71	Unrestricted General Government Aid Distribution Review Commission	Establishes a special commission to study the distribution method used to allocate unrestricted general government aid to municipalities, evaluate the effectiveness and equity of the method and make recommendations to maximize the equity of the distribution.			
72	Gaming Fund Splits	Amends the fiscal year 2026 distribution of the revenues from the Gaming Revenue Fund collected from taxes on gross gaming revenue received from gaming licensees.	77	115	64
73	Personal Care Attendant Program Initiative	Extends the fiscal year 2025 personal care attendant task force to develop recommendations for the long-term sustainability of the program and requires the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to establish an implementation plan to ensure sustainability and cost containment of the personal care attendant program.			67

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74	Capital Gains Distribution	Establishes the manner in which excess capital gains tax collections are applied in fiscal year 2026.		116	69
75	Chapter 102 and 268 Program Allotments	Authorizes the Secretary of Administration and Finance to amend allotments for certain appropriations from chapter 102 of the acts of 2021 and chapter 268 of the acts of 2022.		117	70
76	Fiscal Year 2026 Regional Transit Authority Funding Distribution	Distributes \$160,000,000 in operating assistance to regional transit authorities.	230	118	71
77	Pension Cost-of-Living Adjustment	Sets forth the procedures for providing a 3 per cent cost-of-living adjustment increase on the first \$13,000 in pension benefits for retired employees.	223	119	72
78	Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability	Requires 10 per cent of all payments received by the Commonwealth in fiscal year 2026 under the master settlement agreement in Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Philip Morris, Inc. et al., to be transferred from the General Fund to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund.	222	120	73

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79	Expanded Medicare Savings Program Transfer	Permits the transfer of up to \$25,000,000 from the Prescription Advantage Program and the Health Safety Net Trust Fund to support the Medicare Savings or Medicare Buy-in programs.	226	124	75
80	Health Safety Net Administration	Allows Health Safety Net payments to be made as 1115 waiver or state plan payments and authorizes up to \$70,000,000 of uncompensated care to be paid from sources other than the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.	227	125	76
81	Initial Gross Payments to Qualifying Acute Care Hospitals	Requires the transfer from the General Fund to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund, the greater of \$45,000,000 or 1/12 of total required expenditures, to hospitals and community health centers for the purposes of making initial gross payments to qualifying acute care hospitals not later than June 30, 2025.	228	126	77
82	Inspector General's Health Care Audits	Authorizes the Inspector General to expend \$1,000,000 for costs associated with maintaining a health safety net audit unit.	231	127	78
83	Nursing Facility Base Year	Authorizes nursing facility rates effective on October 1, 2025 to be developed using the costs of calendar year 2019.	232	128	79

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84	Transfers Between Health Funds	Permits the transfer of up to \$15,000,000 from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund to the Health Safety Net Fund.	233	129	80
85	Transfer to the Education and Transportation Reserve Fund	Requires the Comptroller, in fiscal year 2026, to transfer \$165,000,000 from income surtax revenue to the Education and Transportation Reserve Fund.			
86	Electronic Title 4	Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to promulgate regulations implementing certain electronic title provisions within 6 months of the effective date of this act.		131	
87	Housing Production Dashboard Effective Date	Requires the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to publish an online dashboard that provides details as to the status and use of funding and other project attributes for housing projects and developments.			
88	Electronic Title Effective Date	Requires certain provisions related to electronic title to be effective 6 months after the effective date of this act.		138	

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89	Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Modernization and Senior Care Options Dual Enrollment Effective Dates	Establishes an effective date of January 1, 2026 for Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Modernization and Senior Care Options Dual Enrollment.		69, 134	81
90	Effective Date	Provides that this act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.	264	141	83