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Dear Colleagues,

It was our great pleasure to chair the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government during the 2017-2018 legislative session. During this past session, the committee considered a myriad of subjects relating to zoning and development, municipal finance, changes to town charters and local government structures, animal welfare and other topics affecting cities, towns, counties and districts throughout the Commonwealth.

Following months of consideration, the House and Senate enacted a bill to protect animal welfare and safety (PAWS II), and the Governor signed it into law as Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2018. This law updates and improves upon the first "PAWS" act passed in 2014. A task force established by that act reviewed existing laws and issued recommendations that were incorporated into the newer legislation. Another piece of legislation that was reviewed by the committee and eventually became law established several regional commissions on the status of women and girls. This law, Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2018, is designed to promote issues affecting women, and ensure diverse representation and transparency in bringing forth new legislative and policy solutions to achieve the commissions' goals.

Land use continues to be a subject of critical interest as municipalities and the Legislature struggle to balance the need for affordable housing with the desire to maintain open space and plan for future growth. On May 2, 2017 the committee conducted a lengthy public hearing to consider legislation that would amend the 43-year-old state zoning act. Members heard testimony from interest groups and ordinary citizens concerning many aspects of land use, especially the need for more housing. After months of follow-up meetings and conversations with stakeholders, the committee in March, 2018 reported out a new draft of the zoning legislation, H.2420, accompanied by a similar bill, S.81. This legislation, together with similar bills from other committees, was discussed at length however unfortunately no consensus was reached before the end of formal sessions.

It has been an honor to serve as co-chairs of a committee that plays such a vital role in the day-to-day functions of local and regional government. We have had the opportunity to meet with dozens of officials from across the Commonwealth, and acted on legislation which strengthens our communities and supports their mission to serve the residents of every city and town. The following report summarizes the committee's work throughout the 2017-2018 session, and we hope that you will find the material informative and helpful.

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House Chair

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Senate Chair

***Members of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government
2017-2018***

Representatives

Rep. James O’Day (D-West Boylston), Chair
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Rep. Paul Heroux (D-Attleboro)*
Rep. Jeffrey Roy (D-Franklin)
Rep. Jay Livingstone (D-Boston)
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Sen. Walter Timilty (D-Milton)
Sen. Eileen Donoghue (D-Lowell)*
Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro)
Sen. Adam Hinds (D-Pittsfield)
Sen. Patrick O’Connor (R-Weymouth)*

*Paul Heroux resigned January 2, 2018 to become Mayor of Attleboro, and was succeeded on the committee by **Rep. Susannah Whipps**.*

*Senator Patrick O’Connor served until January 3, 2018 and was succeeded by **Senator Dean Tran**.*

*Senator Michael Moore served as Senate Chair until March 29, 2018 and was succeeded in that leadership position by **Senator Brendan Crighton**.*

Eileen Donoghue resigned on April 11, 2018 to become City Manager of Lowell.

Committee Staff:

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It shall be the duty of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to consider matters seeking the enactment of special laws for a city or town, the establishment of economic, district and local planning commissions, rent control and zoning, and matters concerning the various counties, former counties and regional government entities, including the salaries and tenure of employees, registers of deeds and sheriffs (but excluding the retirement of such employees) and such other matters as may be referred.

Summary of Committee Activity

2017-2018

Throughout the hearing process, members heard from and engaged in discussion with local officials, various local board and commission members, statewide advocacy organizations and coalitions, affected constituents, the Governor's office and other Executive Branch agencies, as well as fellow legislators and members of the general public.

Of the 297 bills that were referred to the committee, 241 were reported favorably for consideration by the full Legislature, either as originally filed or as amended by the committee. A total of 55 bills were placed into a study order, and one had no further action taken (H.5004 – Leominster unpaid bill).

Finally, 153 petitions (2 general, statewide bills and 151 special or home-rule bills*) reported out by the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government were signed into law during the 190th Session of the General Court.

Total Petitions Referred: 297
Public Hearings Conducted: 12
Polls Conducted: 37
Bills Signed into Law: 153
General: 2
Special: 151

* A home-rule petition is legislation that is submitted on behalf of a city or town under the provisions of Section 8 of Article 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution. Such legislation requires the certified local approval of a town's voters or town meeting, city council and mayor or other legislative body of a city. Legislation filed by the Governor on behalf of a city or town may also be enacted by a two-thirds vote of each branch of the Legislature. Other special legislation may pertain to a particular county, district, or region but is technically not a home-rule.

Bills Signed into Law, by Year and Chapter Number
2017-2018

2017

Chapter 12 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Millis to transfer a certain parcel of park land

Sponsor: Rep. David Linsky

Summary: This act authorizes the town to transfer 6.4 acres of park and recreation land to the school committee for a new elementary school. The town will convey 9.88 acres of land to the conservation commission for conservation and passive recreational purposes. See H.1106

Chapter 19 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the trustees of the bathing beach in the town of Hingham to enter into a lease for the operation of the bathhouse facility and surrounding grounds

Sponsor: Sen. Patrick O'Connor

Summary: This act authorizes the trustees of the bathing beach to enter into a lease for up to 30 years with a tenant to operate a snack stand, restrooms and bathhouse facilities that the town will construct on the site of an existing bathhouse on Otis Street. See S. 22

Chapter 21 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to borrow funds to pay certain costs of the Green Line Extension

Sponsor: Sen. Patricia Jehlen

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Somerville to borrow up to a maximum of \$50 million to pay costs related to the MBTA Green Line extension into the city, such costs to be assessed upon the city by the Commonwealth through the Department of Transportation or any other applicable agency or department. The payments would be made in 5 equal installments. See S.1139

Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to lease a certain building

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Wagner

Summary: This act authorizes the city to lease, for up to 25 years, all or a part of the former library branch building located at 216 Broadway Street to a nonprofit organization, to provide educational services. Educational services might include Head Start services, services for students attending pre-school, elementary, secondary, vocational schools or higher education, or any other education-related service approved by the city council and mayor. See H.2781

Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Deerfield to convey a certain parcel of land

Sponsor: Gov. Charles Baker

Summary: This act authorizes the town to convey 9.28 acres of land to New England Natural Bakers, Inc. in accordance with a March 11, 2015 purchase and sale agreement. The land sold for \$357,280. The town did not publish two consecutive notices in the newspaper as required by law. All other statutory procedures appear to have been followed. This act validates the transaction, conveying clear title to the property to the approved buyer. See H.3670

Chapter 32 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the city known as the Town of Watertown to pay the funeral and burial expenses of firefighter Joseph Toscano

Sponsor: Rep. Jonathan Hecht

Summary: This act authorizes the city to pay reasonable expenses, not exceeding \$15,000, of the funeral and burial of firefighter Joseph Toscano, who died on March 17, 2017 while in the performance of his duties for the town. The bill also ratifies, validates and confirms all related actions taken by the town. Local officials indicated that the city intends to accept Section 100G ¼ of Chapter 41 to address any future need for such payments. See H.3689

Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2017

An Act validating actions taken by the town of Templeton at the special town meeting held on November 9, 2015

Sponsor: Gov. Charles Baker

Summary: This act ratifies, validates, approves and confirms all actions taken by the special town meeting held on November 9, 2015, notwithstanding the failure of the town to have a capital project vetted by the Capital Improvements Committee, as required by the town by-law. Town meeting approved borrowing money for the \$975,000 expansion of the police station. See S.2064

Chapter 36 of the Acts of 2017

An Act validating actions taken by the town of Templeton at the annual town meeting held on May 14, 2016

Sponsor: Gov. Charles Baker

Summary: This act ratifies, validates, approves and confirms all actions taken by the annual town meeting held on May 14, 2016, notwithstanding the failure of the town to submit a capital project to the Capital Improvements Committee for review, as required by the town by-law. The town meeting authorized borrowing \$2,300,000 for the Pleasant Street Pumping Station. See S.2065

Chapter 37 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the appointment of a superintendent of streets in the town of Middlefield

Sponsor: Rep. Stephen Kulik

Summary: This act provides for a superintendent of streets to be appointed by the select board, to serve at the pleasure of the select board for a specified term not to exceed three years. The act also allows an employment contract to be established with the superintendent. See H.1119

Chapter 40 of the Acts of 2017

An Act amending the charter of the city of Lowell

Sponsor: Sen. Eileen Donoghue

Summary: This act amends a 1921 special act by increasing the number of voter signatures required to be a candidate for local office from 50 to 150. See S.1125

Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Milton to establish a special purpose stabilization fund

Sponsor: Sen. Walter Timilty

Summary: This act authorizes the town to establish and maintain a Special Purpose Stabilization Fund, to fund future debt service obligations for certain town capital projects, which have been financed with debt exempt from Prop 2 ½, such as the future replacement or restoration and improvement of 3 fire stations and the department of public works facilities. See S. 24

Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to transfer certain parcels of park land for the construction of a high school

Sponsor: Rep. David Nangle

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Lowell to use approximately 6.3 acres of city-owned land on one parcel, and 3.8 acres on another parcel, for construction of a new public high school and for school related purposes. The city would be required to transfer approximately 31.35 acres to the city’s board of parks for park, open space or recreational purposes, and construct and/or renovate several athletic fields with adequate parking. If the land transferred to the city is not used for school purposes within 5 years, it shall revert back to the board of parks. See H.3654 and S.2096

Chapter 57 of the Acts of 2017

An Act protecting sunlight and promoting economic development in the city of Boston

Sponsor: Rep. Aaron Michlewitz

Summary: This act amends two special acts, changing language governing the presence of building shadows during certain times of day in order to facilitate the construction of a new 775 foot skyscraper to be constructed in Winthrop Square in Boston. The tower would be located on the site of a former city parking garage on Devonshire Street. See H.3749

Chapter 59 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Wareham to lease certain land

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act authorizes the creation of the Onset Bay Discovery Center, to be located at the Onset Bathhouse. The town will enter into a 99-year lease with a nonprofit organization, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc., which was selected after a request for proposals issued under Chapter 30B. The project would be exempt from Chapter 149 (labor and industries). See S.1152

Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2017

An Act relative to the employment contract for the Director of Public Works in the town of Upton

Sponsor: Rep. David Muradian

Summary: This act amends the first paragraph of Section 1 of Chapter 263 of the Acts of 1989 by adding language that authorizes the Upton Board of Selectmen to employ a Director of Public Works under a 3 year contract. See H.3726

Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Hubbardston to convey a certain parcel of land

Sponsor: Sen. Anne Gobi

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Hubbardston to convey a parcel of land containing about 5.09 acres in exchange for 4.82 acres of land, which would be used for general municipal purposes. The land abuts the 12-acre future site of a new senior center and public safety building, and will accommodate a septic system. The land is owned by the Vincent Family Trust. See S.1135

Chapter 86 of the Acts of 2017

An Act amending the charter of the city known as the town of Barnstable

Sponsor: Rep. William Crocker

Summary: This act makes various amendments to the town charter relating to the filling of vacancies, term limits, charter objections, appointment of the Town Collector, the ten year forecast, and the elimination of preliminary elections and the definition of measure. Subject to voter acceptance at November 7, 2017 election. See H.3706

Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2017

An Act establishing the department of inspectional services and permitting in the town of Lakeville

Sponsor: Rep. Keiko Orrall

Summary: This act consolidates certain inspectional and permitting services, functions and recordkeeping within a single department. The board of selectmen appoint a director of inspectional services and permitting, and any necessary qualified gas, plumbing, or electrical inspectors, as well as all personnel necessary to implement and enforce the health laws and regulations, wetlands act and regulations, and conservation regulations. See H.2780

Chapter 89 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain land acquired for park, playground or recreation purposes for other municipal purposes

Sponsor: Rep. Marjorie Decker

Summary: This act uses an exchange of land to facilitate the reconstruction of a school complex known as the King Open and Cambridge Street Upper School and Community Complex. An existing pool will be relocated. The complex is located on Donnelly Field, which is parkland. The original bill was amended to incorporate technical corrections. See H.1100 and S.2133

Chapter 90 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Lincoln to exchange certain landfill property for conservation land

Sponsor: Rep. Thomas Stanley

Summary: This act authorizes the board of selectmen to transfer approximately 7.1 acres of a closed landfill used for active and passive recreation purposes and open space, to the town for general municipal uses and active and passive recreation and closed landfill purposes. The town will lease the land for a solar energy generating facility. The board of selectmen will acquire or dedicate a total of approximately 12.6 acres of replacement land for conservation purposes. A portion of the land (about 3 acres) will be held for recreational purposes to develop an athletic field, with the remainder being dedicated as Article 97 protected land. See H.3692

Chapter 95 of the Acts of 2017

An Act relative to the traffic commission in the city of Woburn

Sponsor: Rep. James Dwyer

Summary: This act eliminates the newspaper publishing requirement and replaces it with language stating that a proposed traffic rule or regulation would take effect if approved by the city council and filed with the city clerk. See H.2779

Chapter 97 of the Acts of 2017

An Act establishing a town manager in the town of West Newbury

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr

Summary: This act establishes the position of town manager, who shall be the administrative and operating officer of the town, reporting to the board of selectmen, who shall act as the executive authority of the town, and appoint the town manager. The act also outlines the administrative responsibilities and lists the financial responsibilities of the town manager, which include acting as chief financial officer, approving warrants for payment of town funds, preparing the town budget, submitting a town departmental and organizational structure, subject to the approval of the board of selectmen, and recommending salaries for employees that are not already covered by collective bargaining agreements. See H.2161 (new draft of S.2067)

Chapter 100 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Boylston to convey a portion of a certain parcel of land

Sponsor: Rep. Harold Naughton

Summary: This act authorizes the town to sell a 4 acre portion of land along Elmwood Place at 215-221 Main Street, near the intersection of Routes 70 and 140 in Boylston. The transaction was approved by a two-thirds vote of town meeting. The Uniform Procurement Act would apply to the legislation. Special legislation is required because the land was taken for both municipal and open space use, thus invoking the Article 97 provision. See H.1120

Chapter 106 of the Acts of 2017

An Act relative to town meeting members in the town of Burlington

Sponsor: Rep. Kenneth Gordon

Summary: This act amends language relative to the eligibility of town meeting members to hold other elected positions in town government. The intent is to expand the participation of town meeting members on other boards and committees in town. See H.2789

Chapter 108 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Plymouth to exchange a parcel of land held for conservation purposes for a parcel of land in the town of Plymouth

Sponsor: Sen. Viriato deMacedo

Summary: This act allows the Town of Plymouth to exchange land with a resident of Plymouth. The town will receive 4,025 square feet and the resident shall receive 4,025 square feet. It was recently discovered that the town owned a part of the land that the resident's swimming pool was on. The resident will receive ownership of the aforementioned land in exchange for a parcel on the westerly side of Rocky Pond Road. See S.2085

Chapter 109 of the Acts of 2017

An Act further regulating the appointment of the trustees of the public library of the city of Boston

Sponsor: Rep. Byron Rushing

Summary: This act changes the number of persons who may be appointed to serve on the Boston Public Library's Board of Trustees from 9 to a maximum of 15. See H.3862

Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the Southborough Board of Selectmen to enter into a land exchange agreement with St. Mark's School, Inc.

Sponsor: Rep. Carolyn Dykema

Summary: This act authorizes the town to purchase a 60-acre parcel from St. Mark's School, Inc. Five acres of will be used for a new public safety facility, and to improve access to the Woodward School. The remaining 55 acres will continue to function as a 9-hole golf course, and will be placed under a conservation restriction in perpetuity. See H.3717 (amended – see H.3809)

Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Lynnfield to convey certain land

Sponsor: Rep. Bradley Jones

Summary: This act authorizes the board of selectmen to sell a parcel containing 10,600 square feet, more or less, including a small building, to the Lynnfield American Legion Post 131 for the sum of one dollar. Transaction is exempt from procurement law. See H.4010 (substituted for H.3972)

Chapter 122 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Truro to convey a perpetual trail easement on conservation land to Truro conservation trust

Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Peake

Summary: This act authorizes the town, through the board of selectmen, to convey a perpetual trail easement on a portion of town-owned conservation land located at 139 State Road to the Truro conservation trust. The easement will connect an existing town trail and conservation area owned by the Truro conservation trust. A public parking lot provides access to the trail system. See H.2424

Chapter 123 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Lenox to convey a conservation restriction on certain parcels of land

Sponsor: Rep. Smitty Pignatelli

Summary: This act authorizes the town's board of selectmen, in their capacity as the board of water commissioners, to convey a perpetual conservation restriction on approximately 965 acres of water supply and watershed land to the conservation commission and Berkshire Natural Resources Council, Inc., for no consideration, to preserve the natural resources. See H.3833

Chapter 125 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Tisbury to pay a certain unpaid bill

Sponsor: Gov. Charles Baker

Summary: This act authorizes the accountant of the town of Tisbury to pay, from appropriated sums, an unpaid bill incurred by the town in the amount of \$44,729.96, to A.P. Fortes Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for steam boiler replacement work at the Tisbury Elementary School. See H.3710

Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2017

An Act relative to the authority of the town administrator of the town of Harvard

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Benson

Summary: This act authorizes the board of selectmen to delegate some duties to the town administrator, without affecting other appointed or elected town officials, and to delegate its authority to approve payroll and vendor warrants to the town administrator, but a member of the board of selectmen could approve such warrants if the town administrator is absent. See H.3772

Chapter 127 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the town of Milford to appoint water commissioners

Sponsor: Rep. Brian Murray

Summary: This act authorizes the town’s board of selectmen, if or when it acquires the Milford Water Company, to appoint a 3-member board of water commissioners until a new board is elected by the voters, and to contract with a water department manager to operate the water system. The board of water commissioners may enter into an employment contract with a water department manager, using the same conditions and limitations contained in the law which governs contracts with town managers or administrators. See H.3784

Chapter 129 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money

Sponsor: Rep. RoseLee Vincent

Summary: This act authorizes the city to pay not more than \$12,143.52 to Mrs. Juanita A. Haas (Brandariz), the widow of former city councilor Robert J. Haas, Jr. Councilor Haas died while serving as a member of the Revere City Council, and the amount to be paid represents the salary he would have received had he served until the end of his term of office. See H.3876

Chapter 148 of the Acts of 2017

An Act authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to establish a local agricultural commission with limited authority

Sponsor: Rep. Jeffrey Roy

Summary: This act authorizes the city known as the town of Franklin to establish a local agricultural commission, explains the purpose of the commission and its activities, lists the membership of the commission and how they are appointed, and describes the reporting and record-keeping requirements. See H.3785

Chapter 158 of the Acts of 2017

An Act validating the actions taken at a certain town meeting in the town of Berlin

Sponsor: Rep. Harold Naughton

Summary: This act ratifies, validates, approves and confirms all actions taken by the annual town meeting held on May 1, 2017, notwithstanding provisions in state law requiring the change to be made at a separate meeting 60 days beforehand. Voters approved combining the positions of elected treasurer and tax collector into a single treasurer-collector who shall be appointed by the board of selectmen to serve a three-year term. See H.3961

Chapter 167 of the Acts of 2017

An Act further regulating the administration of the oath of office of members of the city council and school committee in the city of Malden

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Donato

Summary: This act amends the city charter by providing a method for setting an alternate date for the inauguration if the Monday falls on a holiday. The City Council may choose a new date that falls within 8 days of the New Year. It also further amends the section to clarify the procedure, by applying this provision to members elect of the school committee and, when applicable, the mayor elect. The charter would no longer specify a time for the ceremony to take place. See H.4056

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Chapter 10 of the Acts of 2018

An Act amending the charter of the town of Concord

Sponsor: Rep. Cory Atkins

Summary: This act makes language in the town charter gender-neutral, clarifies the nature of their form of government, eliminates unnecessary procedures, adds a deputy town moderator and revised procedures for submitting petitions to revoke acceptance of the charter.. See H.1097 and H.3930.

Chapter 12 of the Acts of 2018

An Act designating the town administrator and the director of municipal finance as town meeting members at large in the town of Milford

Sponsor: Rep. Brian Murray

Summary: This act amends a special act by adding the town administrator and finance director to the list of town officials who may serve as at-large members of town meeting. See H.3764

Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2018

An Act further regulating the positions of town clerk and town accountant in the town of Norwood

Sponsor: Rep. John Rogers

Summary: This act separates the single position of town clerk/town accountant into two positions, with each person to be appointed by the board of selectmen. See H.3748 (substituted by H.3940)

Chapter 21 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Capital Infrastructure Fund in the town of Stoughton.

Sponsor: Rep. Louis Kafka

Summary: This act amends the 2006 special act which authorized the town to establish a Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Capital Infrastructure Fund by deleting language that limited the annual debt service transfers to the Water Enterprise Fund used to defray costs of connecting to the MWRA. It also deletes the requirement that, once the MWRA entrance costs have been settled, the capital infrastructure fund would be extinguished. The town could use money in the Capital Infrastructure Fund to make capital purchases for the Water Enterprise Fund, to maintain the system by repairing or replacing water pipes, pumps and other infrastructure. See H.3958

Chapter 23 of the Acts of 2018

An Act abolishing the board of license commissioners in the town of Salisbury

Sponsor: Rep. James Kelcourse

Summary: This act repeals Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1958 which created the Salisbury Board of License Commissioners, which was responsible for regulating liquor licensing in the town of Salisbury. The board of selectmen will take over all liquor licensing duties once the Board of License Commissioners has been dissolved. See H.4029

Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Sheffield to the Great Barrington Housing Authority

Sponsor: Sen. Adam Hinds

Summary: This act authorizes the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority to convey ownership and operation of Dewey Court, a state-aided public housing complex located on about 5.9 acres of land in the town of Sheffield. The property would be conveyed to the Great Barrington Housing Authority, which will manage the small housing complex. The transaction requires approval by the Department of Housing And Community Development. See S.2102

Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing a residency requirement for the second and subsequent terms of the town manager of the town of Ipswich

Sponsor: Rep. Bradford Hill

Summary: This act amends the special act which created the position of town manager by adding language that states that the new town manager need not be a resident of Ipswich, nor Massachusetts, when first appointed. If the incumbent is reappointed they must establish residency in the town of Ipswich within the first 12 months of their second term. See H.4087

Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2018

An Act providing for the purchase of the Milford Water Company by the town of Milford

Sponsor: Rep. Brian Murray

Summary: This act allows the town of Milford to purchase and establish a water supply system as well as allowing debt to be incurred, in accordance with Section 8 of Chapter 44 of the MGL, for up to 40 years. The total cost is \$63,000,000, which corresponds to the amount that would be borrowed by the town for this purpose. See H.3978

Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the dissolution of the Milford Water Company and the acquisition of its assets by the town of Milford

Sponsor: Rep. Brian Murray

Summary: This act authorizes the town's board of selectmen to dissolve the Milford Water Company after acquiring the company and its property. Any remaining assets would be transferred to the town to be managed by a board of water commissioners, who would manage, improve and control all pipes, buildings, structures, and other works. The town may sell water to other municipalities. Employees of the water company who wish to continue working may be transferred to the town water department, and will not be subject to the Civil Service law. See H.4055

Chapter 32 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the sewer construction and private way maintenance and improvement fund in the town of Barnstable

Sponsor: Rep. William Crocker

Summary: This act would allow monies that are dedicated to the town of Barnstable's existing Sewer Construction and Private Way Maintenance and Improvement Fund to include comprehensive wastewater management as well. See H.3673

Chapter 37 of the Acts of 2018

An Act amending the charter of the town of Bourne

Sponsor: Rep. David Vieira

Summary: This act amends the town charter by changing deadlines for closing the warrant, makes it easier for the board of selectmen to add articles to the warrant in case of emergencies, and makes improvements to the voter handbook for town meeting. It also increases the term of office for housing authority members, changes or updates certain powers and duties of the town administrator and amends the process for selecting a new town administrator. See H.3918

Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to a Wareham Redevelopment Authority

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act repeals outdated special acts and establishes a redevelopment authority in the town of Wareham, with all the powers and authority as so described in chapter 121B of the MGL, for the purpose of facilitating more rapid development in the town of Wareham. The redevelopment authority will be managed, controlled, and governed by newly created board consisting of 2 members of the board of selectmen, the town administrator (or designee), the director of planning and community development, and 1 registered voter of the town. See S.2145

Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the charter of the town of Wareham

Sponsor: Sen. Marc Pacheco

Summary: This act amends the town charter by adding language requiring any and all subjects to be placed on the warrant for spring or fall town meeting be submitted to the board of selectmen for approval. All articles submitted by any ten voters, for the spring or fall town meetings; and any one hundred voters for any special town meeting; or by any other person, persons or town agency as may be authorized by by-law, shall automatically be placed on the warrant. See S.2144

Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing a revolving fund in the town of Westborough

Sponsor: Rep. Hannah Kane

Summary: This act authorizes the Westborough Public Schools to deposit income from the sale of products by their vocational-technical program, into a special fund, to be used for purposes related to the vocational-technical program that serves students with special needs ages 18 to 22, and has both educational and vocational elements. The fund could not be used to pay salaries. See H.3992

Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the board of selectmen of Hardwick to appoint the town collector

Sponsor: Sen. Anne Gobi

Summary: This act abolishes the office of the elected town collector in Hardwick. The current incumbent will serve out the remainder of the term. When the term expires, the position will be posted and advertised, and a search committee will review qualified candidates. See S.2114

Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the board of selectmen of Hardwick to appoint the town treasurer

Sponsor: Sen. Anne Gobi

Summary: This act abolishes the office of the elected town treasurer in Hardwick. The current incumbent will serve out the remainder of the term. When the term expires, the position will be posted and advertised, and a committee will search for qualified candidates. See S.2115

Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing regional commissions on the status of women and girls

Sponsor: Rep. Elizabeth Poirier

Summary: This act establishes regional commissions on the status of women and girls in three geographic areas: Eastern, Upper Middlesex County, and Plymouth County. Each regional commission shall consist of 9 uncompensated members appointed by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, serving 3 year terms. See H.1110

Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2018

An Act expanding the powers of the Baker Hill Road District in the town of Lanesborough to include economic development efforts

Sponsor: Rep. Gailanne Cariddi

Summary: This act adds language expanding the purpose of the district to include retaining or recruiting new businesses, promoting economic development, acquiring and developing property, design, engineer, construct and maintain or operate buildings, facilities, other infrastructure enhancing the district. See H.1099

Chapter 52 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the funding of the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund in the town of Northbridge

Sponsor: Rep. David Muradian

Summary: This act authorizes the town treasurer to deposit all local meals taxes into the town's Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, in order to meet their OPEB obligations. The bill provides for the meals tax revenue plus interest to become part of the fund, which could be appropriated and spent pursuant to the Chapter 32B, Section 20. See H.4084

Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the financial condition of the city of Lynn

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Cahill

Summary: This act makes a number of structural and fiscal procedural changes, including authorizing the borrowing of money, to stabilize the city's finances. Removes residency requirement for chief financial officer and school superintendent, requires regular financial reports to the state and establishment of a special reserve fund, and authorizes the secretary for administration and finance to appoint a fiscal stability officer. Also allows the city to charge for solid waste collection, disposal and recycling, and creates a working group to explore ways of saving health costs. See H.4302 and H.4325

Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing a special fund in the town of Westborough

Sponsor: Rep. Carolyn Dykema

Summary: This act establishes a Capital Improvements Fund to receive tax revenues from the Westborough State Hospital including but not limited to property, personal and excise, and which revenues that will be referred to as property tax revenues. The fund will be used for projects that cost \$10,000 or more and are not categorized as annual operating expenses. See H.4028

Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Ayer

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Benson

Summary: This act authorizes the town to change from an elected to an appointed town clerk, appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the board of selectmen. It abolishes the elected office of town clerk, with the current incumbent becoming the first appointed clerk. The person would serve out the remainder of the term of office, and her successor would be appointed. See H.4077

Chapter 66 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing the appointed office of tree warden in the town of Ayer

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Benson

Summary: This act authorizes the board of selectmen to appoint a tree warden. The bill does not specify a term of office. The elected office of tree warden will be abolished, and the current incumbent will become the first appointed tree warden, who will serve out the remainder of the term to which he was elected (or sooner if he vacates the office) and then his successor would be appointed as provided for in the act. See H.4078

Chapter 67 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing the appointed position of treasurer-collector in the town of Ayer

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Benson

Summary: This act authorizes the town to combine the elected positions of treasurer and collector into a single position appointed by the board of selectmen, which could enter into a contract with the person chosen to be treasurer-collector. The elected positions of treasurer and tax collector will be abolished, and the elected incumbent having the longest amount of time remaining in their term of office shall become the first appointed treasurer-collector. When that term expires, the board of selectmen shall appoint a new treasurer-collector. The act also transfers all records, property and equipment to the combined office. This section also guarantees that all legal agreements and obligations continue to be in full force and effect, and that the treasurer-collector shall be the lawful successor of the former elected offices. See H.4079

Chapter 74 of the Acts of 2018

An Act providing for the appointment of a treasurer-collector in the town of Stockbridge

Sponsor: Rep. Smitty Pignatelli

Summary: This act allows the town to establish the office of treasurer-collector. The treasurer-collector shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the board of selectmen that may also enter into an employment contract with the treasurer-collector. The elected offices of town treasurer and tax collector will be abolished, and the elected incumbent holding the office of treasurer shall become the town treasurer-collector and serve out the remainder of the term of office. See H.4162

Chapter 76 of the Acts of 2018

An Act amending the charter of the town of Chelmsford

Sponsor: Rep. Thomas Golden

Summary: This act amends the Town of Chelmsford’s charter by rearranging the administrative powers and duties of the town manager within the charter for the purpose of clarity. It also makes a number of non-substantive changes to reorganize the charter. Bills H.4071 and H.4124 were consolidated into a single bill, H.4243

Chapter 78 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing a private road maintenance revolving fund in the town of Westminster

Sponsor: Rep. Jonathan Zlotnik

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Westminster to establish a “Private Road Maintenance Revolving Fund” to be controlled by the director of public works, subject to the board of selectmen. The town treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund. It also states how the fund will be explicitly used for temporary maintenance of certain private ways and their associated drainage facilities in the town, as well as the procedure of the maintenance. Additionally, a town meeting vote may transfer any excess money to the town’s general fund. See H.3905

Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2018

An Act Establishing the Position of Town Manager in the Town of Ayer

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer E. Benson

Summary: This act authorizes the town to establish the office of town manager by the board of selectmen and the powers and duties of the office. It also stipulates the conditions and qualifications that must be met by a candidate to hold the office. See H.4080

Chapter 83 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the city of Easthampton to lease certain real estate

Sponsor: Sen. Donald F. Humason, Jr.

Summary: This act would allow the city of Easthampton, acting through its city council and mayor, to enter into a leasing agreement for the old town hall which is currently unused space. See S.2152

Chapter 84 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the Town of Hamilton to establish a special fund for the Patton Homestead

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce E. Tarr

Summary: This act allows for the town of Hamilton to create and manage a special fund known as the Patton Homestead Fund. The fund will be used to operate, maintain, restore, and preserve the Patton Homestead buildings, structures, and property. (The Patton Homestead was the home of General George S. Patton and is now an historical site/museum/farm) See S.2245

Chapter 86 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the treasurer of Plymouth County to transfer certain funds

Sponsor: Rep. Mathew Muratore

Summary: This act authorizes the Plymouth County treasurer, with approval of the advisory board, to transfer approximately \$2,500, the amount remaining in the post-war rehabilitation fund, to the county’s stabilization fund, closing out the account. The money may be expended by the county commissioners with the approval of the county advisory board. See H.4034

Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2018

An Act regarding the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers for paid detail assignments in the city of Cambridge.

Sponsor: Rep. Marjorie Decker

Summary: This act authorizes the appointment of retired Cambridge Police Department officers, who have retired within the previous 5 years, as special police officers within the city of Cambridge for paid detail assignments. See H.4143

Chapter 94 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the Brookfield Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land and the buildings thereon.

Sponsor: Sen. Anne Gobi

Summary: This act authorizes the Brookfield Housing Authority, with approval of the Department of Housing and Community Development, to transfer ownership of the land and buildings in Brookfield being used for 3 low income housing units, to the Oxford Housing Authority at zero cost. After the transfer, the units will continue to be used for low income housing. See S.2146

Chapter 104 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to increasing city of Gloucester parking fines

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr

Summary: This act authorizes the city, with approval of the mayor or city council, to increase parking fines for certain types of violations beyond the limits allowed in current law. See S.2223

Chapter 109 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the towns of Andover and North Reading to enter into an agreement for the supply of potable water.

Sponsor: Rep. Bradley Jones

Summary: This act authorizes the towns of Andover and North Reading to enter into an agreement with a term of 99 years, whereby the town of Andover would supply potable (drinking) water to the town of North Reading. See H.4552

Chapter 110 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the town manager of the town of Upton.

Sponsor: Rep. David Muradian

Summary: This act amends Chapter 391 of the Acts of 2008 by correcting a reference to the Upton town manager's hiring and firing. It also allows for the 12 month cooling off period to only apply to members of the board of selectmen, rather than all elected town officials seeking the position of town manager. Furthermore, it creates a procedure for filling a vacancy of the position of town manager. Additionally, it clarifies language regarding the administration and enforcement of the town manager's powers and duties, and replaces transitional language that is no longer applicable with a provision providing for a periodic citizen review of the town manager act. See H.4121

Chapter 111 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the sale of the property at 616 Towne Street, North Attleborough, Massachusetts

Sponsor: Rep. Elizabeth Poirier

Summary: This act authorizes the town of North Attleborough to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of the property of a Mrs. Virginia Graham who had been allowed to live in the home until her passing, whereby the land would be conveyed to the town under the condition that upon the sale of the house lot, the proceeds of the sale will be deposited into a trust in order to help preserve and maintain the conservation land. See H.4248 (substituted for H.3787)

Chapter 114 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the ownership and occupancy deadline for residential property exemptions in the city of Boston.

Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Honan and Rep. Michael Moran

Summary: This act would change the date of determination for a residential property tax exemption in Boston to be January 1st preceding the start of the fiscal year in which the exemption applies. If a taxpayer purchases a home in the first 6 months of the calendar year, the date of determination would be July 1st. See H.4073

Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the charter of the town of Abington.

Sponsor: Governor Charles Baker

Summary: This act repeals that section of the 2016 special act which submitted the charter changes to the voters for approval at the next municipal election. The language change is needed to correct a provision which refers to an act passed in 2017. The special act was actually passed during 2016. (NOTE) The disparity between when the previous special act was passed and when it was approved by the voters created ambiguity regarding the implementation of certain provisions. Passage of this corrective legislation will remove any ambiguity. See S.2278

Chapter 127 of the Acts of 2018

An Act repealing a certain act increasing the expenditure limit on revolving funds in the city of Attleboro

Sponsor: Rep. Elizabeth Poirier

Summary: This act repeals a 2006 special act, thereby removing the current statutory limit on the amount that may be expended from all revolving funds in the city. The applicable provisions of Section 53 E½ of MGL Chapter 44 would again be in effect for those funds. See H.4299

Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the Town of Norfolk to convey certain land on Priscilla Avenue.

Sponsor: Rep. Shawn Dooley

Summary: This act authorizes the Norfolk board of selectmen to convey land to Cheryl LeBlanc, or her assignee. The conveyance will not include the house or the improvements on the land which were unintentionally constructed on town property c. 1997 as a result of a surveying error. Ms. LeBlanc will pay the town \$50,000.00 as decided in Town Meeting. See H.4148

Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the tenure of office of the City Clerk of the city of Revere

Sponsor: Rep. RoseLee Vincent

Summary: This act authorizes the city clerk of the city of Revere to hold office until death, resignation, retirement, or removal by the city council with just cause. See H.4264 and H.4369

Chapter 138 of the Acts of 2018

An Act increasing the annual compensation of the Peabody Municipal Light Plant.

Sponsor: Rep. Thomas Walsh, Rep. Theodore Speliotis and Sen. Joan Lovely

Summary: This act would amend previous special acts by increasing the amount of the commissioners' annual stipend to \$5,100 per year. See H.4447

Chapter 143 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the charter of the town of Eastham.

Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Peake

Summary: This act amends the town charter by increasing the number of voting members on the Capital Projects Committee from 3 to 5 by adding 2 more "at-large" voting members to the committee, to be appointed by the board of selectmen. See H.2423

Chapter 144 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the town of Boylston to convey a certain parcel of land.

Sponsor: Rep. Harold Naughton

Summary: This act authorizes the board of selectmen to convey a small parcel of land to the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club for use as a memorial park. See H.4197

Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the Bristol County Commissioners to borrow money for the repair, renovation and construction, equipping and furnishing of buildings at Bristol County Agricultural School in the town of Dighton.

Sponsor: Rep. Patricia Haddad

Summary: This act bill authorizes the Bristol County commissioners to borrow up to \$103,750,000 to repair, renovate, construct, equip and furnish the Bristol County Agricultural School in the town of Dighton, subject to an agreement with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. See H.4227

Chapter 152 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District to lease certain land and buildings.

Sponsor: Rep. Jay Kaufman

Summary: This act authorizes the school district to enter into a lease for up to 50 years for land and buildings for the purpose of constructing a new high school. The school may enter into contracts for the design, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of the land and buildings, improvements, parking and recreational facilities used by the school. Authorizes establishment of a special account to hold revenue generated from leases or other agreements, and use the money to help offset the cost of borrowing for the new school. See H.4503 (redraft of H.4473)

Chapter 158 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant certain easements to the Town of Plymouth

Sponsor: Rep. Mathew Muratore

Summary: This act allows for the conveyance of easements to the Town of Plymouth from the Commonwealth for the purpose of maintenance of roadway utility and other purposes as described in the “Obery Street Roadway Improvement Project.” See H.4813 (redraft of H. 4477)

Chapter 164 of the Acts of 2018

An Act regarding transfer of retained earnings surplus in the town of Clinton

Sponsor: Sen. Harriette Chandler

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Clinton to transfer retained earnings surplus from the Landfill Enterprise Fund into the Capital Projects and Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund. This would give the town additional flexibility for managing its fiscal affairs. The town would adopt an ordinance (by-law) establishing guidelines for such transfers, which could be authorized by the board of selectmen and used only for the purposes of the Capital Projects and Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund. See S.2478

Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2018

An Act regarding snow and ice removal, and repair of private ways in the town of Clinton.

Sponsor: Sen. Harriette Chandler

Summary: This act This special legislation authorizes the town, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, to make temporary repairs and remove snow and ice from specified private ways, as follows: Sprague Road, California Court, Forest Avenue, French Terrace, Hastings Court, Highland Avenue, Pierce Place, Pond View Drive, and Shore Lane. See S.2479

Chapter 170 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the town of Falmouth to sell a parcel of land commonly known as the Farley Bog.

Sponsor: Rep. David Vieira

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Falmouth to sell a parcel of land known as the Farley Bog to the Falmouth Rod & Gun Club Inc. for the purpose of conservation, habitat improvement, and recreational purposes; for the amount of \$10. The land shall be held under a conservation restriction held by the town after the land transfer in perpetuity. See H.4561 (redraft of H.4341)

Chapter 172 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the city of Northampton to release a certain conservation easement and conservation restriction.

Sponsor: (former) Sen. Stanley Rosenberg

Summary: This act would enable the city of Northampton to swap two small Article 97 conservation easements to facilitate improved access to the Saw Mill Hills-Roberts Hill Conservation Area. The city plans to sell the stranded easement to the private land owner and simultaneously purchase the new easement to provide trail access to the conservation area. See S.2512

Chapter 174 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to change the use of certain land acquired for open space recreational purposes to use for traffic reconfiguration purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Connolly

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Cambridge to use approximately 3,801 square feet of public recreational land at the intersection of Cambridge and Hampshire Streets as part of the Inman Square Intersection Safety Improvements Project. After the traffic project is completed, the city will dedicate a parcel of land containing 3,801 square feet as public open recreational space. There will be no loss of public open space. Furthermore, it requires the special act be accepted by the city council before it can take effect. See H.4634 (redraft of H.4598)

Chapter 175 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to a certain parcel of conservation land in the city of Boston.

Sponsor: Sen. Michael Rush

Summary: This act authorizes the Conservation Commission of the City of Boston to convey control of a parcel of land containing 4.09 acres to the Department of Parks and Recreation for playground purposes in Hyde Park. See S.2540

Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the exchange of a parcel of land located on the Lenox/Richmond town line, owned by the town of Lenox with two parcels of land in Lenox on West Mountain Road and West Dugway Road.

Sponsor: Rep. Smitty Pignatelli

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Lenox to convey a parcel of land to the Audubon Society in exchange for 2 parcels of land from the Audubon Society for the purpose of the town owning the entire Kennedy Park, as well as the Audubon Society gaining land adjacent to their existing sanctuary. See H.4627 (redraft of H.4411)

Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to a certain conservation restriction in the town of Webster.

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph McKenna

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Webster to release 0.25 acres of land from the conservation restriction while adding 0.75 acres to the conservation restriction. See H.4103

Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the town of Sharon to use a certain parcel of land for general municipal purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Louis Kafka

Summary: This act authorizes the town to change the use of .86 of an acre of outdoor recreational (park) land to general municipal purposes, which would include the construction of a municipal building and parking. In exchange for the use of the protected land, the town, through the board of selectmen or conservation commission, would dedicate 2.2 acres of replacement land on an adjacent parcel for outdoor recreational use. See H.4633

Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the town of Nantucket to sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of a portion of certain land situated in the town of Nantucket held for cemetery purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Nantucket to transfer the care and control of a vacant 0.57 acre parcel of land valued at \$1,134,300 within the town, currently being held for cemetery purposes, to the board of selectmen who may sell, convey or otherwise dispose of said land. This would allow for a no cost exchange with a neighbor of the cemetery for the purpose of better accessibility to the grounds. See H.4717

Chapter 183 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the conveyance of land from the county of Nantucket and authorizing the town of Nantucket to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of a portion of said land situated in the town of Nantucket held for open space purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes

Summary: This act authorizes Nantucket County to transfer, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of all or a portion of 3 parcels of land totaling approximately 1 acre to the town of Nantucket for open space and recreational purposes, in order to maintain local control over the land. The board of selectmen would determine the terms and conditions of the disposition, which may include the reservation of restrictions and easements on the land in question. See H.4818

Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the town of Wilbraham to exchange a certain parcel of land held for conservation purposes.

Sponsor: Sen. Eric Lesser

Summary: This act authorizes the town to convey a small portion of conservation land located at 9V Cedar Oak Drive, Wilbraham. The land would be transferred from the conservation commission to the board of selectmen. See S.2583

Chapter 190 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the town of Nantucket to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of certain land situated in the town of Nantucket held for open space, recreational or conservation purposes to the Nantucket Islands Land Bank, Nantucket Conservation Foundation, Inc., or Sconset Trust, Inc. for the same purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes

Summary: This act authorizes the town to transfer, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of all or portions of more than a dozen separate parcels of land that are being held for open space, recreational or conservation purposes. The land would be conveyed to the care, custody and control of three non-profit organizations for the purpose of preserving the land. According to local officials, the entities to which the various parcels would be transferred are better positioned to hold and manage the parcels of land. See H.4688

Chapter 198 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the town of Rehoboth to transfer a conservation easement on a certain parcel of land.

Sponsor: Rep. Steven Howitt

Summary: This act authorizes the town to release and convey a 4.6 acre conservation easement back to the property's owner Barry S. Saperia, who granted the easement to the town back in 2007. The easement was part of an approved subdivision, known as Atwells Farm. The subdivision was not constructed and the approval to construct has expired. Since the subdivision will not be constructed, the requirement for a conservation easement is no longer necessary. See H.1102 and H.4864

Chapter 200 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the town of Nantucket to transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of a portion of certain land situated in the town of Nantucket held for water supply and water protection purposes to the town of Nantucket for roadway purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes

Summary: This act authorizes the town to transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of a portion of a parcel of land at 1 Milestone Road, which is currently held for water supply purposes. The small portion of land would be used by the town to reconfigure a nearby rotary intersection. See H.4689

Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2018

An Act to promote animal welfare and safety in cities and towns.

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr

Summary: This act (PAWS II) would increase fines and further regulate laws regarding animal cruelty, abuse, and neglect. It also prohibits the use of drowning as a means of exterminating any animal. Changes the jurisdiction for animal forfeiture decrees from district courts to any court having jurisdiction over the offense. Adds a section to the chapter on insurance barring insurance companies from refusing service to homeowners or renters based upon any specific breed of dog unless said breed is designated as dangerous. The act states that the property owner or designee of a vacated/abandoned property has 3 days after the owner knows, or should have known, that the property is vacant to inspect the premises for any animals. If an animal is discovered, the property owner shall report to the police or other designated official. See S.2646 (redraft of S.1159)

Chapter 222 of the Acts of 2018

An Act further regulating the Buzzards Bay Water District.

Sponsor: Rep. David Vieira

Summary: This act changes the number of members on the Buzzards Bay Board of Water Commissioners in the town of Bourne from 3 to 5. See H.4523

Chapter 243 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to water meter ordinance violations, penalties and liens in the city of Revere

Sponsor: Rep. RoseLee Vincent

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Revere to use additional enforcement tools to deal with violations of the city’s water ordinance. The city could apply the enforcement and procedural provisions that are listed in Chapter 40U to violations of the city’s water ordinance. The scope of the enforcement actions are limited to only those violations that are not city or state health, sanitary, housing, fire, building, plumbing, or electrical code violations. See H.4458

Chapter 249 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing an East Bridgewater Sewer District.

Sponsor: Sen. Michael Brady

Summary: This act authorizes East Bridgewater to establish a sewer district with the board of selectmen to serve as sewer commissioners, and for the director of public works to have the powers and duties of a superintendent of the sewer department. See S.2423

Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to convey a certain parcel of land.

Sponsor: Sen. Michael Moore

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Worcester to sell a portion of land containing 83,347 square feet to Saint John’s High School for \$100,000, for purposes of constructing a parking lot for the school’s athletic fields. The transaction would be exempt from most of Chapter 30B, except certain transparency-related provisions. See S.2629

Chapter 261 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the charter of the town of Westborough.

Sponsor: Rep. Danielle Gregoire

Summary: This act changes the town charter of Westborough by replacing the title of the MIS/GIS Director with “Information Technology Director.” See H.4444

Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2018

An Act changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of North Reading.

Sponsor: Rep. Bradley Jones

Summary: This act amends the current town charter by replacing the words “board of selectmen” or “selectmen” with the words “select board”, in each of 32 instances where the term appears. See H.4690

Chapter 270 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the acquisition of easement interests for a pumping station in the city of Easthampton.

Sponsor: Sen. Donald Humason

Summary: This act authorizes the town of Southamton to acquire easement interests in the town of Easthampton for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a pumping station and its facilities and appurtenances including utilities. See S.2581

Chapter 271 of the Acts of 2018

An Act to establish an appointed highway superintendent in the town of Groveland.

Sponsor: Rep. Leonard Mirra

Summary: This act creates the office of highway superintendent and authorizes the Groveland board of selectmen to appoint or remove a person from the office. See H.4620

Chapter 278 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the city of Methuen's petition to borrow to address the school budget deficit.

Sponsor: Rep. Linda Dean Campbell

Summary: This act allows the city of Methuen to borrow money to address the school budget deficit that was caused by a late influx of special education students. It establishes a new city department of administration and finance, which would be responsible for overseeing the budgetary and financial administration of the city. See H.4905

Chapter 286 of the Acts of 2018

An Act providing a charter for the city of Melrose.

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Brodeur

Summary: This act amends the charter by correcting errors in form and style, and also updates and amends certain provisions. See H.4464 (redraft of H.4102)

Chapter 290 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the Lancaster Sewer District

Sponsor: Rep. Harold Naughton

Summary: This act strikes out the current law and replaces it with language requiring the board of sewer commissioners to appoint a treasurer who cannot be a member of the board. See H.3217

Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2018

An Act validating certain proceedings of the town of Concord

Sponsor: Governor Charles Baker

Summary: This act validates all actions and votes taken during the special town meeting scheduled for October 1, 2018, notwithstanding the violation of Section 10 of Chapter 39 and the town by-law. The town inadvertently failed to post the special town meeting warrant at least 14 days in advance of the meeting, as required by law. It was posted 13 days prior, but was also posted on the town’s official web site and a copy was mailed to every household before September 17th. See S.2665

Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to offer an exemption for certain owner-occupied residential properties for water and sewer charges and rates.

Sponsor: Rep. Denise Provost

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Somerville to establish a program offering exemptions or discounts of up to 30 percent on water and sewer charges and rates for eligible residents as defined in the bill. See H.4309

Chapter 300 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow funds to pay costs of wastewater treatment facility improvements, capital improvements and capital equipment at the Martha’s Vineyard Airport.

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes

Summary: This act authorizes Dukes County to borrow up to \$2,500,000 to design, construct, and make improvements to the Martha’s Vineyard Airport’s wastewater treatment facility. Each loan shall be a separate loan and shall not exceed 30 years. Furthermore, the county may sell the aforementioned bonds or notes to the public at the county commissioners’ discretion. See H.4506

Chapter 301 of the Acts of 2018

An Act changing the membership of the representative town meeting of Norwood.

Sponsor: Rep. John Rogers

Summary: This act amends the 1947 special act by removing the town clerk and accountant from the list of officials who are members at-large of the representative town meeting. See H.4718

Chapter 302 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing a solid waste and recycling capital improvement fund for the town of Dennis.

Sponsor: Rep. Timothy Whelan

Summary: This act establishes the Solid Waste and Recycling Capital Improvement Fund to be maintained by the town treasurer as a separate account. Five percent of fees collected from the sale of Transfer Station Permits and Recycling revenue may be appropriated for transfer station-related capital improvements, including general maintenance for the transfer station. The board of selectmen may increase or decrease the amount if authorized by law. See H.3898

Chapter 303 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing a waterways capital improvement fund for the town of Dennis.

Sponsor: Rep. Timothy Whelan

Summary: This act establishes the Waterways Capital Improvement Fund to be maintained by the town treasurer as a separate account. Fifty percent of the fees collected for boat storage shall be deposited into the fund, and appropriations from the fund shall be used for waterways groundwork, including Sesuit Harbor and waterway maintenance and improvement. See H.3899

Chapter 308 of the Acts of 2018

An Act allowing Everett City Council to set the salary for the Clerk of the City Council.

Sponsor: Sen. Sal DiDomenico

Summary: This act authorizes the City of Everett City Council to set the salary for the Clerk of its City Council. See S.2514

Chapter 314 of the Acts of 2018

An Act Amending the charter of the City of Everett.

Sponsor: Sen. Sal DiDomenico

Summary: This act reduces the time period a former public official must wait to be employed in a different governmental position (“cooling off period”) from 1 year to 30 days. See S.2516

Chapter 318 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the Orleans affordable housing trust fund.

Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Peake

Summary: This act would repeal the existing special act which established the affordable housing trust fund. Furthermore, the act would transfer all funds and other assets currently controlled by the affordable housing trust fund, to the care, custody and control of the board of trustees of the Orleans affordable housing trust fund established under Section 55C of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. The trust fund’s board of trustees would have greater power to fulfill their mission of creating and preserving affordable housing under state law. See H.4645

Chapter 319 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to establish a water and sewer department.

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Wagner

Summary: This act authorizes the city to establish a new water department and sewer department under the department of public works. It allows the city to establish a combined water and sewer commission through adoption of a city ordinance. These entities would replace certain provisions of the repealed special acts. See H.4914

Chapter 325 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the town of Wenham to make permanent improvements to certain private ways and assess betterments

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Tarr

Summary: This act exempts the town from contrary provisions of existing law to authorize making permanent repairs and improvements to two private ways: Longfellow Road and South Street. Such repairs or improvements could include, but not be limited to, grading, drainage, paving and resurfacing. Authorizes the town to appropriate funds for this purpose, and to assess betterments on the property owners who will benefit from the work. See S.2678 (new draft of S.2662)

Chapter 332 of the Acts of 2018

An Act changing the composition of the Boston Art Commission

Sponsor: Rep. Nick Collins (now Senator)

Summary: This act amends sections of previous special acts governing the composition of the commission with new language. It keeps the 9 member commission essentially as is, but specifies that 1 member shall be chosen by the mayor of Boston from 3 candidates who have been nominated by the Institute of Contemporary Art. See H.3460

Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Pembroke

Sponsor: Rep. Josh Cutler

Summary: This act reorganizes town government by establishing a comprehensive structure led by the board of selectmen and a town manager. The goal is to institute greater coordination and accountability among the various town officials, boards and committees, as well as improve oversight of financial matters and delivery of services. See H.4607

Chapter 336 of the Acts of 2018

An Act allowing the chair of the board of selectmen of the town of Orange to appoint a designee to serve on the board of trustees for soldiers' memorials

Sponsor: Rep. Susannah Whipps

Summary: This act authorizes the chair of the board of selectmen in the town of Orange to appoint a designee to represent the chair on the board of trustees for soldiers' memorials. The board consists of the chairman of the board of selectmen, and 5 other members elected by the town, 3 of whom shall be veterans and 2 who are not veterans. The members serve 3-year, staggered terms. The law includes the procedure for filling vacancies on the board of trustees. See H.4145

Chapter 341 of the Acts of 2018

An Act amending the charter of the town of Needham

Sponsor: Rep. Denise Garlick

Summary: This act amends the town charter to make the language gender-neutral. Use of the term "select board" has the same meaning as "selectmen" and "board of selectmen" as those terms may be used in existing by-laws. Also increases from 3 to 5 the number of members that serve on the board of health. See H.4948

Chapter 342 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the town of Auburn to relocate Faith Avenue and convey remnant parcels of real property

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Frost

Summary: This act authorizes the town, by a vote of the board of selectmen, to accept as a new town way a subdivision road which would be constructed by Massad Family, LLC (the property owner) at its own expense. This act exempts the town from laws governing the discontinuance of public ways and procurement. A portion of Faith Avenue would be discontinued. See H.4551

Chapter 344 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the powers and duties of the town manager in the town of Hanover

Sponsor: Rep. David DeCoste

Summary: This act requires the town manager to provide regular updates to the board of selectmen regarding the status of collective bargaining negotiations, and include a member of the board of selectmen in all negotiating sessions. The board of selectmen shall determine the powers and responsibilities of any acting or temporary town manager. Eliminates the elected board of public works and makes changes related to that function. See H.4658

Chapter 345 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the position of appointed tax collector in the town of Hadley

Sponsor: Rep. John Scibak

Summary: This act replaces the elected tax collector with one who would be appointed, and could be removed by, the select board. The current collector would serve out the remainder of their term of office, at which point the select board could choose to appoint the same person. See H.4750

Chapter 346 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the position of appointed treasurer in the town of Hadley

Sponsor: Rep. John Scibak

Summary: This act replaces the elected treasurer with one who would be appointed, and could be removed by, the select board. The current treasurer would serve out the remainder of their term of office, at which point the select board could choose to appoint the same person. See H.4751

Chapter 347 of the Acts of 2018

An Act reducing the membership of the Nantucket Planning & Economic Development Commission

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes

Summary: This act removes the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works from the planning and economic development commission. The superintendent reportedly no longer wishes to serve on the commission. See H.4819

Chapter 349 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to fees assessed by the Dracut Water Supply District

Sponsor: Rep. Colleen Garry

Summary: This act amends Chapter 433 of the acts of 1905 by striking and replacing section 9B with language that would permit the town to impose a fee any time a district water connection is made, either directly or indirectly, to the water main. The fee would be set by rules and regulations established by the district’s elected board of water commissioners. See H.4898

Chapter 353 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the membership of the conservation commission of the town of Charlton

Sponsor: Rep. Peter Durant

Summary: This act authorizes the board of selectmen to appoint two alternate members to the conservation commission, to serve three-year, staggered terms of office. Alternates would be designated to sit on the commission in case of absence, inability to act or conflict of interest. An alternate member could also serve until a vacancy was filled. See H.4805

Chapter 355 of the Acts of 2018

An Act amending the charter of the city of Somerville

Sponsor: Sen. Patricia Jehlen

Summary: This act changes terminology in the city charter of Somerville to make the charter gender neutral. “Board of aldermen” would be changed to “city council”, “Alderman” would be changed to “councilor” and “aldermen” to “councilors”, “Alderman-at-large” would be changed to “councilor-at-large”, and “Board” would be changed to “council”. The redraft added language stating that the city council shall have all of the powers and duties that the board of aldermen currently perform. See S.2676 (new draft of S.2664)

Chapter 364 of the Acts of 2018

An Act requiring the appointment of 2 additional members to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority

Sponsor: Rep. Christine Barber

Summary: This act authorizes the city to appoint 2 additional members to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority: An alderman (councilor) chosen by the president of the board of aldermen (city council) who will serve coterminous with the president's term; the other appointed by the mayor to serve a five year term, subject to approval by the (city council). Additionally, four members of the Redevelopment Authority shall constitute a quorum. See H.4951

Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018

An Act further regulating the filling of vacancies on certain boards and commissions in the city of Boston

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Cullinane

Summary: This act allows the mayor of Boston to fill vacancies even if the affected boards or commissions have not nominated a replacement, if the mayor has not received any nominations within 90 days after notice of the vacancy. This act affects the Boston Art Commission, Back Bay Architectural Commission, Beacon Hill Architectural Commission, Boston Landmarks Commission, Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee, Freedom Trail Commission, Boston Zoning Commission, and Boston Zoning Board of Appeal. The filling of such vacancies would be subject to confirmation by the city council. See H.4927 (amended H.4086)

Chapter 378 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the membership of the Millbury Redevelopment Authority

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Frost

Summary: This act exempts the town from Section 5 of Chapter 121B so that each of the 5 members on the Millbury Redevelopment Authority shall be elected by the voters for 5-year terms, staggered so that each year the voters elect one member at the annual town election. Vacancies would be filled jointly by the board of selectmen and the remaining members of the redevelopment authority, as provided for in the town charter and town by-laws. See H.1101

Chapter 380 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the town manager of the town of Upton

Sponsor: Rep. David Muradian

Summary: This act increases the maximum length of the town manager's contract with the board of selectmen from three to five years, and authorizes the town manager to discipline or remove employees hired under the jurisdiction of the board of selectmen. It also changes the process by which such town officers or employees may appeal such a decision. See H.4989

Chapter 381 of the Acts of 2018

An Act amending the charter of the town of Stoneham to change the name of the board of selectmen.

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Day

Summary: This act amends the special acts which established or modified Stoneham’s form of government, by replacing the words “board of selectmen” or “selectmen” with the words “select board”, in each instance. See H.4629

Chapter 384 of the Acts of 2018

An Act establishing a board of selectmen-town administrator form of government for the town of Berlin

Sponsor: Rep. Harold Naughton

Summary: This act vests executive powers of the town in the board of selectmen, listing the powers and duties of the board of selectmen that are related to the position of town administrator, establishes criteria for appointing a town administrator, authorizes the board to enter into an employment contract with the administrator, and outlines the authority of the board to set compensation, fill vacancies, and suspend or remove the town administrator after a written notice, response, and public hearing. The act also contains a continuity of laws provision, and protects existing employees and officials whose positions would not be changed by the act. See H.4952

Chapter 387 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the board of assessors in the town of Harvard

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Benson

Summary: This act gives the board of selectmen the option of either appointing a three-member board of assessors, or choosing a single individual or company to serve as the sole assessor. If the selectmen appoint a single assessor, that individual would not have to be a resident of the town. The town administrator would designate one or more persons to supervise all employees working in the assessment department. See H.4947

Chapter 404 of the Acts of 2018

An Act amending the charter of the city known as the town of Bridgewater.

Sponsor: Rep. Angelo D’Emilia

Summary: This act amends the current charter by make necessary revisions including technical updates and corrections relative to personnel and administrative processes. See H.4500 (now H.4752)

Chapter 409 of the Acts of 2018

An Act approving the town of Ashland Home Rule Charter as amended and as voted in Article 34 of the annual town meeting of the town of Ashland including parts I through IX by repealing Chapter 405 of the Acts of 2008 and replacing it in its entirety.

Sponsor: Rep. Jack Lewis

Summary: This act amends the current charter by make necessary revisions including technical updates and corrections relative to personnel and administrative processes. See H.4976

Chapter 410 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the membership of the licensing commission and board of election commissioners of the city of Somerville.

Sponsor: Rep. Patricia Jehlen

Summary: This act would ensure that the Somerville election commission and licensing commission consisted of appointed members without regard to political affiliation. See S.2294

Chapter 415 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School District to lease a certain parcel of land to Martha’s Vineyard Community Services, Inc. for a term of up to 99 years.

Sponsor: Rep. Dylan Fernandes

Summary: This act authorizes the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School District to lease a 4.9 acre parcel of land located at 111 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Rd. in Oak Bluffs for 99 years to the Martha’s Vineyard Community Services Inc. The School District may make amendments to the lease and may grant consents, licenses and easements and enter into ancillary agreements related to the lease or the construction/maintenance of facilities. See H.4925

Chapter 416 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the board of selectmen of the town of Cheshire.

Sponsor: Rep. John Barrett

Summary: This act increases the number of members on the Cheshire board of selectmen from 3 to 5 with each serving a 3 year term. The bill goes into further detail regarding the process of their election. See H.5003

Chapter 430 of the Acts of 2018

An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to lease a certain building.

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Donahue

Summary: This act authorizes the city of Worcester to lease a portion of the “Nurses’ Building” at 128 Providence Street for a term that would exceed 30 years, to promote redevelopment and reuse. The Worcester Senior Center is located on one floor of the building, and would continue to serve the local elder population. See H.4534

Chapter 434 of the Acts of 2018

An Act amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington.

Sponsor: Rep. Sean Garballey

Summary: This act would amend the special act (Ch. 101 of the Acts of 2016, as amended) which established the town manager form of government for Arlington, by making the language gender-neutral. Furthermore, it authorizes the town manager to appoint or remove the comptroller. The bill also establishes a finance department structured as the town manger sees fit. See H.4931

Chapter 446 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the provision of health insurance and other benefits in the town of Huntington.

Sponsor: Rep. Stephen Kulik

Summary: This act would decrease the percentage that the town of Huntington would contribute to the local group health insurance premium from 79% to 60% for employees hired after June 30th, 2017. See H.4308 (amended; H.4570)

Chapter 448 of the Acts of 2018

An Act dissolving the Redevelopment Authority of the Town of Ashland.

Sponsor: Rep. Jack Lewis

Summary: This act eliminates the Ashland Redevelopment Authority and transfers all the Authority’s legal rights and obligations, contracts, property, assets, liabilities, debts, responsibilities and any outstanding litigation to the town. See H.3875

Chapter 449 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the city of Greenfield charter.

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Mark

Summary: This act amends the current charter by changing the word “town” in each instance to the word “city” to more accurately reflect the current form of government. See H.4483 (new # H.4936)

Chapter 450 of the Acts of 2018

An Act relative to the Bourne Recreation Authority.

Sponsor: Rep. David Vieira

Summary: This act amends the prior special act (Ch. 311 of the Acts of 1973), as amended, by making certain changes and corrections to update the language and make technical updates and corrections relative to personnel and administrative processes. See H.4990

***Disposition of Bills Received by Committee
2017-2018***

Bill #	Sponsor	Title	Disposition
H.1077	Rep. Bruce Ayers	An Act to hold property owners accountable for recurring public nuisance	Ought to Pass
H.1078	Rep. Bruce Ayers	An Act relative to puppy mills	See H.4590
H.1079	Rep. Bruce Ayers	An Act relative to further increasing the fines for cruelty to animals, and establishing a fund dedicated to improvements for local animal shelters	See H.4590
H.1080	Rep. Jennifer Benson	An Act to protect puppies and kittens	See H.4590
H.1081	Rep. Daniel Cahill	An Act relative to municipal deposits (Identical to S.1134)	OTP
H.1082	Rep. Thomas Calter	An Act establishing a community safe school fund	OTP
H.1083	Rep. Gailanne Cariddi	An Act relative to the procedure for approval of plans not subject to subdivision control law	OTP
H.1084	Rep. Josh Cutler	An Act relative to penalties for the improper treatment of animals	See H.4590
H.1085	Rep. Kimberly Ferguson	An Act relative to regional stabilization funds	OTP
H.1086	Rep. William Galvin	An Act relative to online access to municipal ordinances and by-laws (by request)	See H.4590
H.1087	Rep. Jonathan Hecht	An Act to ensure adequate handicapped parking	OTP
H.1088	Rep. Jonathan Hecht	An Act to update the public shade tree law (identical to S.1122)	OTP
H.1089	Rep. Bradford Hill	An Act relative to the sale of foreclosed residential property to certain cities and towns	See H.4590
H.1090	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act to establish commonsense permitting reforms for businesses and landowners	OTP
H.1091	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act reducing impervious surfaces	See H.4590
H.1092	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act to promote open space residential development (identical to S.1148)	See H.4590
H.1093	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act relative to variances (identical to S.1149)	OTP
H.1094	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act facilitating site plan review	See H.4590
H.1095	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act relative to smart growth multifamily housing production	See H.4590
H.1096	Rep. Steven Howitt	An Act creating a commission to study the effects of unfunded mandates on municipalities (identical to S.1147)	OTP
H.1097	Rep. Cory Atkins	An Act amending the charter of the town of Concord (H.3930 substituted)	Became Law: Ch. 10 of 2018
H.1098	Rep. James Cantwell	An Act authorizing the town of Marshfield to withdraw from the Metropolitan Area Planning District	OTP
H.1099	Rep. Gailanne Cariddi	An Act expanding the powers of the Baker Hill Road District in the town of Lanesborough to include economic development efforts	Ch. 47 of 2018
H.1100	Rep. Marjorie Decker	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain land acquired for park, playground or recreation purposes for other municipal purposes	Ch. 89 of 2017

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H.1101	Rep. Paul Frost	An Act relative to the membership of the Millbury Redevelopment Authority	Ch.378 of 2018
H.1102	Rep. Steven Howitt	An Act authorizing the town of Rehoboth to transfer a conservation easement on a certain parcel of land (Governor amendment H.4864)	Ch. 198 of 2018
H.1103	Rep. Bradley Jones	An Act to support the equitable utilization of third party consultants in land use determinations (Identical to S.1154)	See H.4590
H.1104	Rep. Robert Koczera	An Act relative to relative to subdivision plans	See H.4590
H.1105	Rep. Kevin Kuros	An Act extending municipal bonding terms for local infrastructure development programs	OTP
H.1106	Rep. David Linsky	An Act authorizing the town of Millis to transfer certain recreation property in exchange for dedication of conservation land	Ch. 12 of 2017
H.1107	Rep. Marc Lombardo	An Act relative to sanctuary cities and towns	See H.4590
H.1108	Rep. David Nangle	An Act relative to changes to publication of by-laws	See H.4590
H.1109	Rep. Harold Naughton	An Act relative to vacant and abandoned property in the Commonwealth	OTP
H.1110	Rep. Elizabeth Poirier	An Act establishing regional commissions on the status of women and girls - identical to S.1119 (accompanied by S.1119)	Ch. 45 of 2018
H.1111	Rep. Denise Provost	An Act relative to authorizing governmental bodies and other approved parties to use shared legal representation and consultants in matters of common interest	OTP
H.1112	Rep. Angelo Puppolo	An Act improving housing opportunities and the Massachusetts economy	See H.4590
H.1113	Rep. Daniel Ryan	An Act regarding the terms of office for City Councillors (in the city of Boston)	See H.4590
H.1114	Rep. Paul Schmid	An Act authorizing the town of Westport to convey a non-exclusive access easement in a portion of town property at 493 Old County Road to benefit 497 Old County Road	OTP
H.1115	Rep. Jose Tosado	An Act to minimize foreclosures and their harm	See H.4590
H.1116	Rep. Chynah Tyler	An Act regarding municipal fines	OTP
H.1117	Rep. Aaron Vega	An Act supporting our natural landmarks	OTP
H.1118	Rep. Aaron Vega	An Act incentivizing solar energy systems on brownfields	See H.4590
H.1119	Rep. Stephen Kulik	An Act authorizing the appointment of a superintendent of streets in the town of Middlefield	Ch. 37 of 2017
H.1120	Rep. Harold Naughton	An Act authorizing the town of Boylston to sell a portion of a certain town property	Ch. 100 of 2017
H.1121	Rep. Chris Walsh	An Act regarding town meeting articles in the town of Framingham	OTP
H.1122	Rep. Chris Walsh	An Act relative to the regulation of land for educational purposes	See H.4590
H.1123	Rep. Jonathan Zlotnik	An Act to allow municipalities to invest in credit unions	OTP

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H.1949	Rep. Hannah Kane	An Act relative to protecting municipalities from unfunded mandates (re-file)	OTP
H.2414	Rep. Jennifer Benson	An Act relative to the publication of notice requirements	See H.4590
H.2415	Rep. Paul Donato	An Act relative to the powers and duties of cities and towns	See H.4590
H.2416	Rep. Carolyn Dykema	An Act relative to traffic direction	See H.4590
H.2417	Rep. Susan W. Gifford	An Act relative to zoning and solar farms	See H.4590
H.2418	Rep. Bradley Jones	An Act relative to electric (electronic) signatures for town warrants	OTP
H.2419	Rep. Louis Kafka	An Act protect animal welfare and safety in cities and towns (S.1159 identical)	OTP
H.2420	Rep. Stephen Kulik	An Act building for the future of the Commonwealth	OTP
H.2421	Rep. James Lyons	An Act to allow municipalities to exempt small projects from the prevailing wage law	See H.4590
H.2422	Rep. Paul Mark	An Act relative to local oversight of non-municipal public water supply systems	See H.4590
H.2423	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act relative to the charter of the town of Eastham	Ch. 143 of 2018
H.2424	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act authorizing the town of Truro to convey a perpetual trail easement on conservation land to Truro conservation trust	Ch. 122 of 2017
H.2425	Rep. Alice Peisch	An Act relative to handicap automobile licenses or placards	OTP
H.2426	Rep. David Rogers	An Act protecting abandoned animals in vacant properties	See S.1127
H.2427	Rep. RoseLee Vincent	An Act relative to the licensing of a certain facility by the Department of Environmental Protection	See H.4590
H.2428	Rep. RoseLee Vincent	An Act to prohibit licensing by the Department of Environmental Protection at the Wheelabrator facility in the town of Saugus	See H.4590
H.2779	Rep. James Dwyer	An Act relative to the traffic commission in the city of Woburn	Ch. 95 of 2017
H.2780	Rep. Keiko Orrall	An Act establishing the department of inspectional services and permitting in the town of Lakeville	Ch. 88 of 2017
H.2781	Rep. Joseph Wagner	An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to lease a certain building	Ch. 26 of 2017
H.2788	Rep. Christine Barber	An Act granting the city of Somerville the authority to require the adoption of institutional master plans subject to the review and approval by the municipality	OTP
H.2789	Rep. Kenneth Gordon	An Act relative to the town of Burlington representative town meeting form of government	Ch. 106 of 2017
H.3209	Rep. Gailanne Cariddi	An Act relative to the creation of regional disability commissions	OTP

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H.3210	Rep. Nick Collins	An Act relating to local zoning exemptions for the UMass Building Authority	See H.4590
H.3211	Rep. Brendan Crighton	An Act relative to parking	See H.4590
H.3212	Rep. Mark Cusack	An Act to protect pets in the Commonwealth	OTP
H.3213	Rep. Mark Cusack	An Act relative to recreational facilities and zoning	See H.4590
H.3214	Rep. Paul Frost	An Act relative to methadone clinic zoning (Chairman O'Day reserves his rights)	OTP
H.3215	Rep. Daniel Hunt	An Act relative to snow removal fines	See H.4590
H.3216	Rep. Peter Kocot	An Act supporting municipal fiscal stability through a special ed stabilization fund	OTP
H.3217	Rep. Harold Naughton	An Act relative to the Lancaster sewer district	Ch. 290 of 2018
H.3218	Rep. David Vieira	An Act relative to the maintenance of private roads, beaches and amenities in municipalities	See H.4590
H.3219	Rep. RoseLee Vincent	An Act further regulating siting of solid waste facilities	See H.4590
H.3220	Rep. RoseLee Vincent	An Act relative to the closure of the Saugus ash landfill	See H.4590
H.3221	Rep. RoseLee Vincent	An Act further regulating special permits (identical to S.1138)	See H.4590
H.3222	Rep. Thomas Walsh	An Act relative to hillside protection	See H.4590
H.3460	Rep. Nick Collins	An Act changing the composition of the Boston Art Commission	Ch. 332 of 2018
H.3512	Rep. Mike Connolly	An Act supporting affordable housing with a local option for a fee to be applied to very large real estate transactions	OTP redraft
H.3513	Rep. William Straus	An Act relative to the town administrator in the town of Fairhaven	OTP
H.3596	Rep. Paul McMurtry	An Act encouraging municipal scholarship funds (per sponsor: put in study)	See H.4590
H.3654	Rep. David Nangle	An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to use certain municipal land for school purposes	Ch. 46 of 2017
H.3670	Gov. Charles Baker	An Act relative to the conveyance of a certain parcel of land by the town of Deerfield	Ch. 27 of 2017
H.3673	Rep. William Crocker	An Act relative to the sewer construction and private way maintenance and improvement fund in the town of Barnstable	Ch. 32 of 2018
H.3689	Rep. Jonathan Hecht	An Act authorizing the City known as the Town of Watertown to pay the funeral and burial expenses of firefighter Joseph Toscano	Ch. 32 of 2017
H.3692	Rep. Thomas Stanley	An Act authorizing the town of Lincoln to exchange certain landfill property for conservation land	Ch. 90 of 2017

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H.3706	Rep. William Crocker	An Act amending the charter of the city known as the town of Barnstable	Ch. 86 of 2017
H.3710	Gov. Charles Baker	An Act authorizing the town of Tisbury to pay a certain unpaid bill	Ch. 125 of 2017
H.3717	Rep. Carolyn Dykema	An Act authorizing the Southborough Board of Selectmen to enter into a land exchange agreement with St. Mark's School, Inc. (amended - see H.3809)	Ch. 115 of 2017
H.3726	Rep. David Muradian	An Act relative to the employment contract for the Director of Public Works in the town of Upton	Ch. 77 of 2017
H.3741	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act authorizing the town of Orleans to enter into contracts for a sewer works system and operation	OTP
H.3746	Rep. Joseph McKenna	An Act amending the charter of the town of Oxford to elect 3 members of the housing authority	OTP
H.3748	Rep. John Rogers	An Act further regulating the positions of town clerk and town accountant in the town of Norwood	Ch. 14 of 2018
H.3749	Rep. Aaron Michlewitz	An Act protecting sunlight and promoting economic development in ... Boston	Ch. 57 of 2017
H.3764	Rep. Brian Murray	An Act designating the town administrator and the director of municipal finance as town meeting members at large in the town of Milford	Ch. 12 of 2018
H.3772	Rep. Jennifer Benson	An Act relative to the authority of the town administrator of the town of Harvard	Ch. 126 of 2017
H.3773	Rep. Jennifer Benson	An Act relative to the payment of bills of prior fiscal years by the town of Harvard	OTP
H.3774	Rep. Paul Mark	An Act providing for the appointment of members of the Dalton Redevelopment Authority	OTP
H.3784	Rep. Brian Murray	An Act authorizing the town of Milford to appoint water commissioners	Ch. 127 of 2017
H.3785	Rep. Jeffrey Roy	An Act authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to establish a local agricultural commission with limited authority	Ch. 148 of 2017
H.3786	Rep. Daniel Cahill	An Act amending the act establishing a department of inspectional services in the city of Lynn	OTP
H.3787	Rep. Elizabeth Poirier	An Act authorizing the sale of a certain parcel of land in the town of North Attleborough	Ch. 111 of 2018
H.3832	Rep. Marjorie Decker	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain land used for park, playground or recreation uses for school purposes (and install) sub surface geothermal wells	See H.4590
H.3833	Rep. Smitty Pignatelli	An Act authorizing the town of Lenox to convey a conservation restriction on certain parcels of land	Ch. 123 of 2017
H.3836	Rep. David Linsky	An Act authorizing ... Natick and Framingham to name certain bridges	OTP
H.3862	Rep. Byron Rushing	An Act further regulating the appointment of trustees of the public library of the city of Boston	Ch. 109 of 2017
H.3863	Rep. Susannah Whipps	An Act authorizing the town of Athol to establish a special fund for the town of Athol Public Library	OTP

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H.3875	Rep. Jack Lewis	An Act dissolving the redevelopment authority of the town of Ashland	Ch. 448 of 2018
H.3876	Rep. RoseLee Vincent	An Act authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Juanita A. Haas (Brandariz)	Ch. 129 of 2017
H.3881	Rep. William Crocker	An Act relative to the use of certain land in the town of Barnstable within residential districts	See H.4590
H.3882	Rep. Denise Provost	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to impose impact fees for any development project for purposes of funding the Green Line Extension	OTP
H.3898	Rep. Timothy Whelan	An Act establishing a solid waste and recycling capital improvement fund for the town of Dennis	Ch. 302 of 2018
H.3899	Rep. Timothy Whelan	An Act establishing a waterways capital improvement fund for the town of Dennis	Ch. 303 of 2018
H.3905	Rep. Jonathan Zlotnik	An Act establishing a private road maintenance revolving fund in the town of Westminster	Ch. 78 of 2018
H.3918	Rep. David Vieira	An Act amending the charter of the town of Bourne	Ch. 37 of 2018
H.3939	Rep. Mathew Muratore	An Act relative to the Massachusetts Solar Access Law	See H.4590
H.3958	Rep. Louis Kafka	An Act relative to the MWRA Capital Infrastructure Fund in the town of Stoughton	Ch. 21 of 2018
H.3961	Rep. Harold Naughton	An Act validating the actions taken at a certain town meeting in the town of Berlin	Ch. 158 of 2017
H.3972	Rep. Bradley Jones	An Act authorizing the town of Lynnfield to convey certain land (see H.4010)	Ch. 121 of 2017
H.3978	Rep. Brian Murray	An Act providing for the purchase of the Milford Water Company by the town of Milford	Ch. 29 of 2018
H.3992	Rep. Hannah Kane	An Act establishing a revolving fund in the town of Westborough	Ch. 41 of 2018
H.4020	Rep. Thomas Calter	An Act authorizing the Silver Lake Regional School District to convey drainage easements to the town of Kingston	OTP
H.4028	Rep. Carolyn Dykema	An Act establishing a special fund in the town of Westborough	Ch. 64 of 2018
H.4029	Rep. James Kelcourse	An Act abolishing the board of license commissioners in the town of Salisbury	Ch. 23 of 2018
H.4034	Rep. Mathew Muratore	An Act authorizing the treasurer of Plymouth County to transfer certain funds	Ch. 86 of 2018
H.4049	Rep. Sheila Harrington	An Act relative to the board of park commissioners of the town of Dunstable	OTP

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H.4055	Rep. Brian Murray	An Act relative to the dissolution of the Milford Water Company and the acquisition of its assets by the town of Milford	Ch. 30 of 2018
H.4056	Rep. Paul Donato	An Act further regulating the administration of the oath of office of members of the city council and school committee in the city of Malden	Ch. 167 of 2017
H.4071	Rep. Thomas Golden	An Act amending the charter of the town of Chelmsford relative to town manager administrative powers and duties	Ch. 76 of 2018
H.4073	Rep. Kevin Honan	An Act relative to the ownership and occupancy deadline for residential property exemptions in the city of Boston	Ch. 114 of 2018
H.4077	Rep. Jennifer Benson	An Act establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Ayer	Ch. 65 of 2018
H.4078	Rep. Jennifer Benson	An Act establishing the appointed office of tree warden in the town of Ayer	Ch. 66 of 2018
H.4079	Rep. Jennifer Benson	An Act establishing the appointed position of treasurer-collector in the town of Ayer	Ch. 67 of 2018
H.4080	Rep. Jennifer Benson	An Act establishing the position of town manager in the town of Ayer	Ch. 79 of 2018
H.4084	Rep. David Muradian	An Act relative to the funding of the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund in the town of Northbridge	Ch. 52 of 2018
H.4086	Rep. David Cullinane	An Act relative to boards and commissions of the city of Boston	Ch. 373 of 2018
H.4087	Rep. Bradford Hill	An Act establishing a residency requirement for the second and subsequent terms of the town manager of the town of Ipswich	Ch. 28 of 2018
H.4102	Rep. Paul Brodeur	An Act providing a charter for the city of Melrose	Ch. 286 of 2018
H.4103	Rep. Joseph McKenna	An Act relative to a certain conservation restriction in the town of Webster	Ch. 177 of 2018
H.4121	Rep. David Muradian	An Act further regulating the position of town manager in the town of Upton	Ch. 110 of 2018
H.4124	Rep. Thomas Golden	An Act amending the charter of the town of Chelmsford relative to ministerial and grammatical non-substantive changes	see H.4071
H.4125	Rep. Stephen Kulik	An Act authorizing the town of Shutesbury to convey certain land	OTP
H.4143	Rep. Marjorie Decker	An Act authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers for paid detail assignments in the city of Cambridge	Ch. 93 of 2018
H.4145	Rep. Susannah Whippis	An Act allowing the chair of the board of selectmen of the town of Orange to appoint a designee to serve on the board of trustees for soldiers' memorials	Ch. 336 of 2018
H.4148	Rep. Shawn Dooley	An Act authorizing the Town of Norfolk to convey certain land on Priscilla Avenue	Ch. 131 of 2018
H.4162	Rep. Smitty Pignatelli	An Act providing for the appointment of a treasurer-collector in the town of Stockbridge	Ch. 74 of 2018

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H.4163	Rep. Solomon Goldstein-Rose	An Act to establish a public art fund in the town of Amherst	OTP
H.4197	Rep. Harold Naughton	An Act authorizing the town of Boylston to convey a certain parcel of land	Ch. 144 of 2018
H.4227	Rep. Patricia Haddad	An Act authorizing the Bristol County Commissioners to borrow money for ... Bristol County Agricultural School in the town of Dighton	Ch. 150 of 2018
H.4264	Rep. RoseLee Vincent	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the City Clerk of the city of Revere	Ch. 137 of 2018
H.4299	Rep. Elizabeth Poirier	An Act repealing a certain act increasing the expenditure limit on revolving funds in the city of Attleboro	Ch. 127 of 2018
H.4302	Rep. Daniel Cahill	An Act relative to the financial condition of the city of Lynn (H.4325 substituted)	Ch. 58 of 2018
H.4308	Rep. Stephen Kulik	An Act relative to the provision of health insurance and other benefits in the town of Huntington	Ch. 446 of 2018
H.4309	Rep. Denise Provost	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to offer an exemption for certain owner occupied residential properties for water and sewer charges and rates	Ch. 298 of 2018
H.4341	Rep. David Vieira	An Act authorizing the town of Falmouth to transfer a parcel of land commonly known as the Farley Bog (see redraft H.4561)	Ch. 170 of 2018
H.4411	Rep. Smitty Pignatelli Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act authorizing the exchange of a parcel of land located on the Lenox/Richmond town line, owned by the town of Lenox with two parcels of land in Lenox, located on West Mountain Road and West Dugway Road (H.4627 redraft)	Ch. 176 of 2018
H.4444	Rep. Danielle Gregoire	An Act relative to the charter of the town of Westborough	Ch. 261 of 2018
H.4447	Rep. Thomas Walsh	An Act increasing the annual compensation of the Peabody municipal Light Plant commissioners	Ch. 138 of 2018
H.4458	Rep. RoseLee Vincent	An Act relative to water meter ordinance violations; penalties and liens in the city of Revere	Ch. 243 of 2018
H.4473	Rep. Jay Kaufman	An Act authorizing the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District to lease certain land and buildings - redraft H.4503	Ch. 152 of 2018
H.4477	Rep. Mathew Muratore Sen. Viriato deMacedo	An Act authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Plymouth (see redraft H.4813)	Ch. 158 of 2018
H.4483	Rep. Paul Mark	An Act relative to the city of Greenfield charter - as amended.	Ch. 449 of 2018
H.4500	Rep. Angelo D'Emilia, Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act amending the charter of the city known as the town of Bridgewater	Ch. 404 of 2018
H.4505	Rep. Aaron Michlewitz	An Act authorizing Commercial Wharf East Condominium Association (in the city of Boston) under the Tideland Public Trust Doctrine and preventing residents from being forced to leave.	OTP

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H.4506	Rep. Dylan Fernandes	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow funds to pay costs of wastewater treatment facility improvements, capital improvements and capital equipment at the Martha's Vineyard Airport.	Ch. 300 of 2018
H.4523	Rep. David Vieira	An Act further regulating the Buzzards Bay Water District	Ch. 222 of 2018
H.4534	Rep. Daniel Donahue	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to lease a certain building	Ch. 430 of 2018
H.4551	Rep. Paul Frost Sen. Michael Moore	An Act authorizing the town of Auburn to relocate Faith Avenue and convey remnant parcels of real property	Ch. 342 of 2018
H.4552	Rep. Bradley Jones	An Act authorizing the towns of Andover and North Reading to enter into an agreement for the supply of potable water	Ch. 109 of 2018
H.4598	Rep. Mike Connolly	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain land used for open space recreational purposes for traffic reconfiguration (redraft H.4634)	Ch. 174 of 2018
H.4607	Rep. Josh Cutler	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Pembroke	Ch. 334 of 2018
H.4620	Rep. Leonard Mirra	An Act to establish an appointed highway superintendent in the town of Groveland	Ch. 271 of 2018
H.4629	Rep. Michael Day	An Act amending the charter of the town of Stoneham to change the name of the board of selectmen	Ch. 381 of 2018
H.4630	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act amending the charter of the town of Provincetown by adding an additional alternate member on the conservation commission	OTP
H.4633	Rep. Louis Kafka	An Act authorizing the town of Sharon to use of a certain parcel of land for general municipal purposes	Ch. 178 of 2018
H.4645	Rep. Sarah Peake	An Act relative to the Orleans affordable housing trust fund	Ch. 318 of 2018
H.4652	Rep. Aaron Vega	An Act to remove auditor position from city charter to instead create position under city ordinance, remove residency requirement, and to set term limits	OTP
H.4658	Rep. David DeCoste	An Act relative to the powers and duties of the town manager in the town of Hanover	Ch. 344 of 2018
H.4688	Rep. Dylan Fernandes	An Act authorizing the town of Nantucket to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of certain land situated in the town of Nantucket held for open space, creational or conservation purposes ... for the same purposes.	Ch. 190 of 2018
H.4689	Rep. Dylan Fernandes	An Act authorizing the town of Nantucket to transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of a portion of certain land situated in the town of Nantucket held for water supply and water protection purposes to the town of Nantucket for roadway purposes.	Ch. 200 of 2018

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H.4690	Rep. Bradley Jones	An Act changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of North Reading.	Ch. 269 of 2018
H.4717	Rep. Dylan Fernandes	An Act authorizing the town of Nantucket to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of a portion of certain land situated in the town of Nantucket held for cemetery purposes	Ch. 180 of 2018
H.4718	Rep. John Rogers	An Act amending the membership of the representative town meeting of Norwood.	Ch. 301 of 2018
H.4727	Rep. Dylan Fernandes	An Act concerning the rental of mopeds and motor scooters in the town of Oak Bluffs	OTP
H.4750	Rep. John Scibak	An Act relative to the position of appointed tax collector in the town of Hadley	Ch. 345 of 2018
H.4751	Rep. John Scibak	An Act relative to the position of appointed treasurer in the town of Hadley	Ch. 346 of 2018
H.4755	Rep. Carmine Gentile	An Act relative to the purchase of land for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	OTP
H.4805	Rep. Peter Durant	An Act relative to the membership of the conservation commission of the town of Charlton	Ch. 353 of 2018
H.4818	Rep. Dylan Fernandes	An Act authorizing the conveyance of land from the county of Nantucket and authorizing the town of Nantucket to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of a portion of said land situated in the town of Nantucket held for open space purposes.	Ch. 183 of 2018
H.4819	Rep. Dylan Fernandes	An Act amending the membership of the Nantucket Planning & Economic Development Commission by removing the superintendent of the department of public works.	Ch. 347 of 2018
H.4893	Rep. Sheila Harrington	An Act relative to the Groton town charter	OTP
H.4898	Rep. Colleen Garry	An Act relative to fees assessed by the Dracut Water Supply District	Ch. 349 of 2018
H.4905	Rep. Linda D. Campbell	An Act relative to the city of Methuen's petition to borrow to address the school budget deficit	Ch. 278 of 2018
H.4914	Rep. Joseph Wagner	An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to establish a water and sewer department	Ch. 319 of 2018
H.4925	Fernandes, Dylan	An Act authorizing the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District to lease a certain parcel of land to Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc. for a term of up to 99 years	Ch. 415 of 2018
H.4926	Decker, Marjorie	An Act relative to amending chapter 413 of the Acts of 1991 authorizing the city council of the city of Cambridge to amend chapter 14.04 of the Cambridge municipal code entitled "Fair Housing".	OTP
H.4931	Garballey, Sean	An Act amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington	Ch. 434 of 2018
H.4947	Benson, Jennifer E.	An Act relative to the board of assessors in the town of Harvard	Ch. 387 of 2018
H.4948	Garlick, Denise	An Act amending the charter of the town of Needham	Ch. 341 of 2018

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H.4951	Barber, Christine	An Act requiring the appointment of 2 additional members to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority	Ch. 364 of 2018
H.4952	Naughton, Harold P.	An Act establishing a board of selectmen-town administrator form of government for the town of Berlin	Ch. 384 of 2018
H.4976	Lewis, Jack	An Act (relative to the Town of Ashland home rule charter)	Ch. 409 of 2018
H.4987	Vieira, David	An Act relative to the sewer construction and water quality maintenance and improvement fund in the town of Mashpee	OTP
H.4989	Muradian, David	An Act relative to the town manager of the town of Upton	Ch. 380 of 2018
H.4990	Vieira, David	An Act relative to the Bourne Recreation Authority	Ch. 450 of 2018
H.5003	Barrett, John	An Act relative to the board of selectmen of the town of Cheshire	Ch. 416 of 2018
H.5004	Higgins, Natalie	An Act authorizing the city of Leominster to pay a certain unpaid bill	No action.
S.0022	Sen. Patrick O'Connor	An Act relative to a lease for the bathing beach bathhouse facility and surrounding grounds located on Otis Street in Hingham	Ch. 19 of 2017
S.0024	Sen. Walter Timilty	An Act authorizing the town of Milton to establish a special purpose stabilization fund	Ch. 43 of 2017
S.0080	Sen. Harriette Chandler	An Act relative to the smart growth housing trust fund (refile of S.109 from 2015)	See S.2342
S.0081	Sen. Harriette Chandler	An Act promoting housing and sustainable development	see H.2420
S.1117	Sen. Michael Barrett	An Act relative to solar drying of laundry	OTP
S.1118	Sen. Joseph Boncore	An Act authorizing the appointment of retired police officers to serve as special police officers	OTP
S.1119	Sen. Michael Brady	An Act establishing three new commissions on the status of women and girls - identical to H.1110 (accompanies H.1110)	OTP
S.1120	Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz	An Act relative to preventing discriminatory land use and permitting decisions	OTP
S.1121	Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem	An Act enhancing identification of taxicab operators	See S.2342
S.1122	Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem	An Act to update the public shade tree law (identical to H.1088)	OTP
S.1123	Sen. Viriato deMacedo	An Act authorizing municipal use of the prudent investor standards	OTP
S.1124	Sen. Sal DiDomenico	An Act amending the municipal ticket law	OTP
S.1125	Sen. Eileen Donoghue	An Act amending the charter of the City of Lowell	Ch. 40 of 2017
S.1126	Sen. James Eldridge	An Act mitigating water resource impacts	OTP
S.1127	Sen. James Eldridge	An Act protecting abandoned animals in vacant properties	OTP
S.1128	Sen. James Eldridge	An Act increasing recycling by landlords and tenants	OTP

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S.1129	Sen. James Eldridge	An Act encouraging municipal recycling and composting	OTP
S.1130	Sen. James Eldridge	An Act relative to the effective enforcement of municipal ordinances and bylaws	OTP
S.1131	Sen. Ryan Fattman	An Act relative to the charter of the town of Sutton	OTP
S.1132	Sen. Jennifer Flanagan	An Act authorizing the city of Leominster to pay a certain unpaid bill	OTP
S.1133	Sen. Jennifer Flanagan	An Act to allow simple majority voting	OTP
S.1134	Sen. Jennifer Flanagan	An Act relative to municipal deposits (Identical to H.1081)	OTP
S.1135	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act authorizing the town of Hubbardston to convey a certain parcel of land	Ch. 79 of 2017
S.1136	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act validating actions taken by the town of Templeton at the special town meeting held on November 9, 2015 (NO LOCAL APPROVAL; see S.2064)	See S.2342
S.1137	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act relative to regional stabilization funds	OTP
S.1138	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act further regulating special permits (identical to H.3221)	See S.2342
S.1139	Sen. Patricia Jehlen	An Act authorizing the City of Somerville to borrow funds to pay costs of the Green Line Extension	Ch. 21 of 2017
S.1140	Sen. John Keenan	An Act relative to MBTA billboards in the city of Quincy	See S.2342
S.1141	Sen. Jason Lewis (by request)	An Act to study establishment of, and definition of, a Middlesex Regional Commission	See S.2342
S.1142	Sen. Jason Lewis (by request)	An Act for equity and fairness in distribution of Community Preservation Funds	See S.2342
S.1143	Sen. Barbara L'Italien	An Act to mandate setbacks in home construction near high pressure gas pipelines	See S.2342
S.1144	Sen. Joan Lovely	An Act relative to local review for public structures	OTP
S.1145	Sen. Mark Montigny	An Act enhancing the issuance of citations for cruel conditions for animals	OTP redraft
S.1146	Sen. Michael Moore	An Act allowing for the decriminalization of minor offenses	OTP
S.1147	Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives	An Act creating a commission to study the effects of unfunded mandates on municipalities (identical to H.1096)	OTP
S.1148	Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives	An Act promoting open space residential development (identical to H.1092)	See S.2342
S.1149	Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives	An Act relative to variances (identical to H.1093)	OTP
S.1150	Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives (by request)	An Act to disclose the close of business	See S.2342

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S.1151	Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives (by request)	An Act relative to municipal transparency	See S.2342
S.1152	Sen. Marc Pacheco	An Act authorizing the town of Wareham to lease certain land	Ch. 59 of 2017
S.1153	Sen. Michael Rodrigues	An Act improving local decision making	OTP
S.1154	Sen. Michael Rush	An Act to support the equitable utilization of third party consultants in land use determinations (Identical to H.1103)	See S.2342
S.1155	Sen. Karen Spilka	An Act relative to protecting puppies and kittens	OTP
S.1156	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act relative to land use regulations	See S.2342
S.1157	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act relative to the expenditure of certain municipal and district monies	OTP changed
S.1158	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act to increase the amount that may be appropriated from the balance of a capital project fund (already law Ch. 218 of 2016, Section 67)	See S.2342
S.1159	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act to protect animal welfare and safety in cities and towns (H.2419 identical)	Ch. 219 of 2017
S.1160	Sen. Walter Timilty	An Act limiting time period parking lots can remain open	OTP changed
S.1910	Sen. Julian Cyr	An Act relative to the maintenance of private ways, bridges and common amenities in municipalities	See S.2342
S.2064	Gov. Charles Baker	An Act validating actions taken by the town of Templeton at the (special) town meeting held on November 9, 2015 - change title/text from annual to special.	Ch. 35 of 2017
S.2065	Gov. Charles Baker	An Act validating actions taken by the town of Templeton at the annual town meeting held on May 14, 2016	Ch. 36 of 2017
S.2067	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act establishing a town manager in the town of West Newbury (redraft S.2161)	Ch. 97 of 2017
S.2085	Sen. Viriato deMacedo	An Act authorizing the town of Plymouth to exchange a parcel of land held for conservation purposes for a parcel of land in the town of Plymouth	Ch. 108 of 2017
S.2102	Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act authorizing the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Sheffield to the Great Barrington Housing Auth.	Ch. 26 of 2018
S.2114	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act authorizing the board of selectmen of Hardwick to appoint the town collector	Ch. 42 of 2018
S.2115	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act authorizing the board of selectmen of Hardwick to appoint the town treasurer	Ch. 43 of 2018
S.2144	Pacheco, Marc R.	An Act relative to the charter of the town of Wareham	Ch. 39 of 2018
S.2145	Pacheco, Marc R.	An Act relative to a Wareham Redevelopment Authority	Ch. 38 of 2018
S.2146	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act authorizing the Brookfield Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land and the buildings thereon	Ch. 94 of 2018

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S.2152	Sen. Donald Humason	An Act authorizing the city of Easthampton to lease certain real estate (amended)	Ch. 83 of 2018
S.2156	Sen. Mark Montigny	An Act establishing a special fund for recaptured funds from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Fairhaven	OTP
S.2157	Gov. Charles Baker	An Act validating certain proceedings of the town of Hull	OTP
S.2223	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act relative to increasing city of Gloucester parking fines	Ch. 104 of 2018
S.2245	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act authorizing the town of Hamilton to establish a special fund for the Patton Homestead	Ch. 84 of 2018
S.2267	Sen. Joan Lovely	An Act relative to PEG access and cable related funds (REDRAFT)	OTP
S.2270	Sen. Adam Hinds	An Act to remove the residency requirement for appointment of a forest warden (REDRAFT)	OTP
S.2278	Gov. Charles Baker	An Act ratifying the adoption of the charter of the town of Abington	Ch. 115 of 2018
S.2294	Sen. Patricia Jehlen	An Act relative to the membership of the licensing commission and board of election commissioners of the city of Somerville	Ch. 410 of 2018
S.2423	Sen. Michael Brady	An Act establishing an East Bridgewater Sewer District	Ch. 249 of 2018
S.2478	Sen. Harriette Chandler	An Act regarding transfer of retained earnings surplus in the town of Clinton	Ch. 164 of 2018
S.2479	Sen. Harriette Chandler	An Act regarding snow and ice removal, and repair of private ways in ... Clinton	Ch. 165 of 2018
S.2512	Sen. Stanley Rosenberg	An Act authorizing the city of Northampton to release a certain conservation easement	Ch. 172 of 2018
S.2514	Sen. Sal DiDomenico	An Act allowing Everett City Council to set the salary for the Clerk of the City Council	Ch. 308 of 2018
S.2516	Sen. Sal DiDomenico	An Act amending the charter of the City of Everett	Ch. 314 of 2018
S.2540	Sen. Michael Rush	An Act relative to a certain parcel of conservation land in the city of Boston	Ch. 175 of 2018
S.2563	Sen. Michael Moore	An Act relative to marijuana-related revenue in the town of Millbury	OTP
S.2566	Sen. Patrick O'Connor	An Act amending the charter of the town of Hull to authorize the chair, vice-chair or clerk of the town of Hull local licensing authority to issue one day alcohol, common victualler and/or entertainment licenses	OTP
S.2581	Sen. Donald Humason	An Act authorizing the acquisition of easement interests for a pumping station in the city of Easthampton	Ch. 270 of 2018
S.2583	Sen. Eric Lesser	An Act authorizing the town of Wilbraham to exchange a certain parcel of land held for conservation purposes (with minor technical change from IG)	Ch. 187 of 2018
S.2629	Sen. Michael Moore	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to convey a certain parcel of land	Ch. 257 of 2018

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S.2660	Sen. Anne Gobi	An Act relative to the membership of the conservation commission of the town of Charlton	OTP
S.2662	Sen. Bruce Tarr	An Act authorizing the town of Wenham to make permanent improvements to certain private ways and assess betterments	Ch. 325 of 2018
S.2664	Sen. Patricia Jehlen	An Act amending the charter of the city of Somerville (S.2676)	Ch. 355 of 2018
S.2665	Gov. Charles Baker	An Act validating certain proceedings of the town of Concord	Ch. 291 of 2018