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Mr. Michlewitz of Boston moves to amend the bill by adding the following 3 sections:

SECTION 3A. Section 66 of chapter 23A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “Commission” in lines 19 and 20, the following:- , 1 of whom shall be from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District.

SECTION 3B. Chapter 23A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 66 the following new section:-

Section 66A. (a) There is hereby established within the executive office of housing and economic development an office of rural policy, which shall consult with the rural policy advisory commission established in section 66. The office shall not be under the control of the executive office and shall be an independent public entity not subject to the supervision and control of any other executive office, department, commission, board, bureau, agency, or political subdivision of the commonwealth. The mission of said office shall be to enhance the economic vitality of rural communities, defined as municipalities with a population density of less than 500 persons per square mile, and to advance the health and well-being of rural residents.

(b) The office shall serve as a research and policy clearinghouse for issues critical to the welfare and vitality of rural communities, including but not limited to, economic development,

education, environment, health, housing, infrastructure, technology and transportation. In furtherance of that responsibility, the office shall work in coordination with and under the direction of the rural policy advisory commission.

(c) The powers of the office shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (i) to use such voluntary and uncompensated services of private individuals, agencies and organizations as may from time to time be offered and needed; (ii) to recommend policies and make recommendations to agencies and officers of the state and local subdivisions of government to effectuate and the purposes of this section; (iii) to select an executive director and to acquire adequate staff to perform its duties, subject to appropriation; (iv) to establish and maintain such offices as it may deem necessary, subject to appropriation; (v) to enact bylaws for its own governance; and (vi) to hold regular, public meetings and to hold fact-finding hearings and other public forums as deemed necessary.

SECTION 3C. Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 69. (a) The MOBD shall establish a micro business development center, in this section referred to as the center, which shall foster micro businesses in the commonwealth by providing resources, including information on available loans, grants and technical assistance. The center shall provide micro businesses with information and technical assistance related to aspects of micro business management, including but not limited to, (i) business plan development; (ii) technology development; (iii) lending assistance; (iv) market research support; and (v) procurement and contracting aid. For the purposes of this section the term “micro business” shall mean a business: (i) with no more than 5 employees; (ii) located in a city or town

with 75 per cent of residents living under the federal poverty level; and (iii) with no more than $200,000 in annual revenue.

(b) The center shall advise the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation in the design, administration and disbursement of loans and grants to entrepreneurs in the commonwealth for low and moderate-income entrepreneurs who are forming, running or expanding microbusinesses in the commonwealth.

(c) The center may expend funds as may be appropriated therefor, accept federal funds, or private gifts and grants to assist in carrying out the purposes as set forth in this section.

And moves to amend the bill by adding the following section:-

SECTION 14A. Section 23 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subdivision:-

(8)(a) It shall be the policy of the PRIM board to use minority investment managers to manage PRIT Fund assets, encompassing all asset classes, and to increase the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of PRIT Fund investments to the greatest extent feasible, consistent with sound investment policy. The PRIM board and the executive director shall take affirmative steps to remove any barriers to the full participation of minority investment managers in investment opportunities. Such affirmative steps shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of whether current investment policy discourages the use of minority investment managers through quantitative or qualitative restrictions, including, but not limited to, number of years track record and minimum assets under management.

(b) It shall be the goal of the PRIM board that not less than 20 per cent of investment managers be minorities, females and persons with disabilities. It shall further be the goal of the

PRIM board to utilize businesses owned by minorities, females and persons with disabilities for not less than 20 per cent of total contracts awarded pursuant to section 23B.

(c) Annually, not later than January 15 of each year, the PRIM board shall file with the house and senate committee on ways and means and with the joint committee on public service a report detailing its progress toward implementing the policies and goals outlined above. Such report shall include documentation related to all minority investment managers considered for investment, including documentation, where applicable, of the reasons for declining any such investment.

And moves to further amend the bill in section 47 by striking out the words “a majority”, in line 1366, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 55 per cent;

And moves to further amend the bill by adding the following 2 sections:

SECTION 55A. Paragraph (i) of subsection (b) of section 6J of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 39, the figure “2022” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2027.

SECTION 55B. Said paragraph (i) of said subsection (b) of said section 6J of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 41, the figure “55,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 65,000,000.

And moves to further amend the bill by adding the following 2 sections:-

SECTION 57A. Paragraph (i) of subsection (b) of section 38R of chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 38, the figure “2022” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2027.

SECTION 57B. Said paragraph (i) of said subsection (b) of said section 38R of said chapter 63 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 40, the figure “$55,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: $65,000,000.

And moves to further amend the bill by adding the following 2 sections:

SECTION 62D. Section 3 of chapter 101 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words “one year”, in line 23, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 3 years.

SECTION 62E. Chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 107. There shall be within the department of fish and game an office of renewable energy fishery impacts, which shall be under the supervision and control of the commissioner. The office of renewable energy fishery impacts shall: (i) conduct and foster research concerning the impacts of offshore wind energy infrastructure on marine fisheries including effects of such installations and connections on the health and behavior of marine mammals; (ii) accept and review commentary from representatives of impacted fishing fleets and renewable energy operators or providers; and (iii) educate and inform citizens on matters related to offshore wind energy and associated impacts on marine life. The office of renewable energy fishery impacts shall advise all other branches of state and local government concerning the health and behavior of fisheries relative to the operation and management of offshore wind installations. The office of renewable energy fishery impacts shall maintain a liaison with federal and state agencies and other academic institutions.

And moves to amend the bill by adding the following section:

SECTION 67A. Chapter 159B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 15A the following section:-

Section 15B. Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, any agricultural carrier by motor vehicle or common or contract carrier by motor vehicle, or any individual, partnership or corporation regularly and lawfully conducting a parcel delivery service or a general express or trucking business, or a business regularly and lawfully engaged in the business of leasing trucks for hire, with or without drivers, may, if authorized by a fleet permit issued by the department, transport or deliver the products sold at retail by licensees under sections 19B, 19C, or 19F of chapter 138 to the ultimate consumers of such products. There shall be an annual fee for such fleet permit of $3,500. Such fleet permit shall cover any and all vehicles owned or hired, and operated, by such permittee. Persons operating a vehicle when engaged in such transportation or delivery shall be required to carry such permit or a photostatic copy thereof. Parcels transported or delivered under this section shall be clearly labeled with words that indicate that the package contains alcohol and that the signature of a person, age 21 years or older, is required for delivery. Receipts for delivery of such parcels shall contain a check box next to the recipient's signature where the recipient shall certify that the recipient is not under 21 years of age and a check box where the delivery person shall certify that valid identification showing that the recipient is not under 21 years of age was presented by the recipient upon delivery.

A delivery company may use an electronic device to receive the signature of a person accepting delivery of a parcel under this section and to certify that the person has displayed a valid identification as so required. No such delivery shall exceed 108 liters.

And moves to further amend the bill, in section 82, by striking out, in line 2206, the words "'Credibility table' means the following table:" and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

"Credibility table" means the following table:"

Average Number of Life Years			
Credit Life	Credit Accident and Health	Incurred Claim Count	Credibility "Z" Factor
7	1	1	.00
1,800	209	9	.25
2,400	279	12	.30
3,000	349	15	.35
3,600	419	18	.40
4,600	535	23	.45
5,600	651	28	.50
6,600	767	33	.55
7,600	884	38	.60
9,600	1,116	48	.65
11,600	1,349	58	.70
14,600	1,698	73	.75
17,600	2,047	88	.80
20,600	2,395	103	.85
25,600	2,977	128	.90
30,600	3,558	153	.95
40,600	4,651	200	1.00

And moves to further amend the bill by adding the following 3 sections:-

SECTION 82B. Subsection (a) of section 168 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following definitions:-

"Personal vehicle sharing", the authorized use of a vehicle by an individual other than the vehicle's owner through a personal vehicle sharing program.

"Personal vehicle sharing program", a business platform that connects vehicle owners with drivers to enable the sharing of vehicles for financial consideration.

SECTION 82C. Said section 168 of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 18 to 27, inclusive the words “(b) The commissioner may, upon the payment of the fee prescribed by section 14, issue to any suitable person aged 18 or older, a license to act as a special insurance broker to negotiate, continue or renew contracts of insurance against any of the hazards specified in section 47, except as specified in clause Fifteenth thereof, and except accident and health, workers' compensation, compulsory motor vehicle liability, with the exception of motor vehicle policies for transportation network vehicles, and life insurance on property or interests in the commonwealth with an unauthorized company upon the following conditions:” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- (b) The commissioner may, upon the payment of the fee prescribed by section 14, issue to any suitable person aged 18 or older, a license to act as a special insurance broker to negotiate, continue or renew contracts of insurance against any of the hazards specified in section 47, except as specified in clause Fifteenth thereof, and except accident and health, workers' compensation, compulsory motor vehicle liability, with the exception of both motor vehicle policies for transportation network vehicles and any contracts that directly or indirectly provide insurance or other forms of protection, including without limitation, collision damage waivers, for vehicles and vehicle drivers engaged in personal vehicle sharing through a personal vehicle sharing program, and life insurance on property or interests in the commonwealth with an unauthorized company upon the following conditions:

SECTION 82D. Said section 168 of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (i) and inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:-

(i) Nothing in this section shall preclude a personal vehicle sharing program from procuring a contract of insurance for itself, vehicles, and vehicle drivers engaged in personal vehicle sharing, if the personal vehicle sharing program or the policyholder expressly acknowledges its understanding, that: (1) the company from which insurance is procured is not admitted to transact insurance in the commonwealth; and (2) in the event of the insolvency of the company, a loss shall not be paid by the Massachusetts Insurers Insolvency Fund under chapter 175D.

(j) The commissioner may promulgate regulations as necessary to implement this section.

And moves to amend the bill by inserting after section 100 the following section:-

SECTION 101A. Section 226 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012 is hereby amended by striking out the figure "2021", inserted by section 15 of chapter 142 of the acts of 2019, and inserting in place thereof- 2023.

And moves to further amend the bill, in section 110, in subsection (e), by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:- The report shall also include a breakdown of the demographic information, including, but not limited to, race, gender and age, using non-identifying information of the recipients of the grant program.

And moves to further amend the bill in section 111, in line 2455, by striking the word "chair" and inserting in place thereof the words "executive director".

And moves to further amend the bill by inserting the following 10 sections:-

SECTION 108A. (a) Notwithstanding chapter 62C of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, in order to address disruptions caused by the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19 and the effects of the governor's March 10, 2020 declaration of a state of emergency, a vendor who has made any sale subject to the tax imposed on the sale of meals by chapters 64H and 64L of the General Laws from August 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 may delay the filing of the returns and payment of taxes required pursuant to section 16 of said chapter 62C; provided, that if a vendor delays the filing of said return and payment of said taxes, the vendor shall file the return and make the payment of taxes required for the period of August 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020, on or before November 20, 2020 and for the period of November 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, on or before January 20, 2021.

(b) If a vendor delays the filing of returns and payment of taxes pursuant to subsection (a), the commissioner of revenue shall waive: (i) any late-file or late-pay penalties imposed pursuant to section 33 of said chapter 62C; and (ii) any interest that accrues as a result of any late payments pursuant to section 32 of said chapter 62C.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to waive any late-file, late-pay penalties or interest for a vendor who fails to file returns or make payment of taxes on or before the date set pursuant to subsection (a). Notwithstanding subsection (a), if a vendor fails to file returns and make payment of taxes on or before the date set pursuant to subsection (a), the payment shall accrue interest from the date the return was required to be filed pursuant to section 16 of said chapter 62C.

(d) The commissioner of revenue may promulgate guidance on the implementation of this section.

SECTION 108B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of education shall establish a financial literacy task force on financial literacy from kindergarten to grade 12 in schools. The task force shall consist of: the secretary of the executive office of education or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the commissioner of early education and care or a designee; the commissioner of the department of elementary and secondary education or a designee; the state treasurer or a designee; and 6 persons to be appointed by the secretary of education, 2 of whom shall be representatives from the Massachusetts Teachers Association, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Bankers Association. Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative from Massachusetts JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, Inc., and 1 of whom shall be a representative of the office of economic empowerment or a designee.

(b) The task force shall: (i) review current financial literacy standards in schools in the commonwealth; (ii) review the commonwealth's financial literacy activities and programs; (iii) develop a comprehensive strategic plan to improve outcomes for individuals with a risk of negative financial situations, including recommendations to: (1) promote research on financial education in kindergarten through grade 12; (2) improve the frequency and quality of financial education in public schools and charter schools; (3) improve public awareness and recognition of the importance of financial literacy; (4) improve financial education with a focus on low-income and minority communities; (5) advance the goals and objectives outlined by the state treasurer's 2015 financial literacy task force report; and (6) provide information on student loans and strategies for avoiding or reducing student debt; and (iv) monitor the implementation of the comprehensive strategic plan and make updates as necessary.

(c) The task force shall submit a report on the status of financial literacy in schools with recommendations, if any, to the governor and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate not later than December 31, 2021.

SECTION 108C. (a) In this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, "outdoor table service" shall mean a service that is provided outside the restaurant building envelope, whether on a sidewalk, patio, deck, lawn, parking area or other outdoor space, which may include, but is not limited to, service that is provided under awnings or table umbrellas or other cover from the elements; provided, however, that at least 50 per cent of the perimeter of any covered dining space must remain open and unobstructed by any form of siding or barriers at all times.

(b) Notwithstanding chapter 40A of the General Laws, or any special permit, variance or other approval thereunder, or any other general or special law to the contrary, a city or town may approve requests for the expansion of outdoor table service, including changing the description of a licensed premises, as described in section 108D; provided, however, prior to such approval, the chief executive officer of the city or town, as defined in clause Fifth B of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as established by charter or special act, shall establish the process for approving such requests; provided further, that said process need not comply with the notice and publication provisions set forth in section 11 of said chapter 40A. Said approval may be exercised immediately upon filing of notice thereof with the city or town clerk, without complying with any otherwise applicable recording or certification requirements.

SECTION 108D. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Commission", the alcohol beverages control commission, established in section 70 of chapter 10 of the General Laws.

"Local licensing authorities", as defined in section 1 of chapter 138 of the General Laws.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in order to address disruptions caused by the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19 and the effects of the governor's March 10, 2020 declaration of a state of emergency, local licensing authorities in any city or town that vote to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may grant approval for a change in the description of a licensed premises for the purpose of permitting outdoor alcohol service as the local licensing authorities may deem reasonable and proper and issue an amended license to existing license holders for said purpose, without further review or approval by the commission.

(c) Upon approval of an amended license, the local licensing authorities shall forward notice of the amended license to the commission.

(d) The commission shall, within 10 days of the passage of this act, promulgate regulations consistent with this section and issue updated guidance to local licensing authorities.

(e) Nothing in this section shall prevent the commission from exercising its statutory or regulatory enforcement authority over any such amended license granted.

Section 108E. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

“Covered establishment”, a restaurant or other eating or drinking establishment offering same-day food or drink for sale in a single commercial transaction through any third-party delivery service platform, from 1 or more retail locations within the commonwealth.

“COVID-19 emergency”, the state of emergency declared by the governor on March 10, 2020 in order to address the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

“Customer”, an individual using a third-party delivery service platform to place an online order.

“Online order”, an order for food or drinks placed by a customer through a third-party delivery service platform provided by a third-party delivery service company for pickup or delivery in the commonwealth.

“Purchase price”, the menu price publicly offered on the third-party delivery service platform by a covered establishment. The purchase price shall not include any taxes, gratuities or other fees that may make up the total cost charged to the customer for an online order.

“Third-party delivery service company”, a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or other entity qualified to do business in the commonwealth that is engaged in facilitating same-day delivery or pickup of food and beverages through a third-party delivery service platform for 20 or more separately owned and operated covered establishments.

“Third-party delivery service platform”, any online enabled application, software, website or system offered or utilized by a third-party delivery service company to facilitate the sale of food and beverages prepared by, and the same-day delivery or same-day pickup of food and beverages from, covered establishments.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no third-party delivery service company, from the effective date of this act and for a period of 45 days after the termination of the COVID-19 emergency, shall charge a covered establishment a delivery fee per online order for the use of its services and fees other than a delivery fee that totals more than 15 per cent of the purchase price of the online order.

(c) This section shall preempt, supersede or nullify any inconsistent, contrary or conflicting local law, ordinance, rule or regulation relating to third-party delivery service platforms and third-party delivery service companies fees, including with respect to any agreements with covered establishments using third-party delivery service companies.

(d) A violation of this section shall be an unfair and deceptive trade practice in violation of chapter 93A of the General Laws.

SECTION 108F. (a) There is hereby established a special legislative commission, pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws, to study journalism in underserved communities in the commonwealth. The commission shall: (i) conduct a comprehensive study relative to communities underserved by local journalism in the commonwealth; (ii) review all aspects of local journalism including, but not limited to, the adequacy of press coverage of cities and towns, ratio of residents to media outlets, print and digital business models for media outlets, the impact of social media on local news, strategies to improve local news access, public policy solutions to improve the sustainability of local press business models and private and nonprofit solutions, and identifying career pathways and existing or potential professional development opportunities for aspiring journalists in the commonwealth.

(b) The commission shall consist of the following 23 members: the chairs of the joint committee on community development and small business, who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker; 1 member of the senate appointed by the senate president; 1 member who shall be a professor at the Northeastern School of Journalism; 1 member who shall be a member of the Boston Association of Black Journalists; 1 member who shall be a member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists; 1 member who shall be a member of the Asian American Journalists Association of New England; 1 of who shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association; 11 members to be appointed by the chairs: 2 of whom shall be representatives of public colleges or universities of the commonwealth with either a journalism or communications program, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a private college or university of the commonwealth with either a journalism or communications program, and 8 of whom shall be currently employed or freelance journalists, editors or producers from independent community news outlets from across the commonwealth; provided, that the appointees shall represent communities underserved by professional news organizations, rural communities, immigrants communities, working-class communities and communities of color; 3 members to be appointed by the governor who shall be representatives of journalism unions or associations; provided, that the appointees shall be selected from the following unions and associations: (i) the NewsGuild – Communication Workers of America, (ii) the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, (iii) the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians – Communications Workers of America, (iv) the Association of Independents in Radio, (v) the Boston Chapter of the National Writers Union, (vi) the New England Newspaper and Press

Association, or (vii) the New England Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. All appointments shall be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this act.

(c) The commission shall hold public information sessions in order to promote the work of the commission and to solicit public comment pursuant to the work of the commission.

(d) The commission shall accept written and oral comment from the public beginning at the first meeting of the commission.

(e) The commission shall meet no less than 5 times to review, study and analyze existing literature, quantitative and qualitative data on the status of journalism in the commonwealth and review the oral and written public comments.

(f) No later than August 1, 2021, the commission shall submit its findings, along with recommendations for legislation, if any, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the joint committee of community development and small business.

(g) The special commission may make such interim reports as it considers appropriate.

SECTION 108G. There is hereby established a special commission pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws to conduct an investigation and study regarding the needs of agriculture in the commonwealth in the 21st century, including the viability, efficiency, climate change resiliency, education, technical assistance and energy needs of farms and means of ensuring farms' ability to adapt to changing economic, climate and energy conditions.

The commission shall consist of 1 member who shall be appointed by the senate president, who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member who shall be appointed by the minority leader

of the senate; 1 member who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy; the secretary of energy and environmental affairs or a designee; the secretary of housing and economic development or a designee; the commissioner of agricultural resources or a designee; a representative of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, Incorporated; a representative of the University of Massachusetts center for agriculture, food and the environment; a representative of the Massachusetts chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming Association; a representative of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association; and a representative of the Massachusetts Association of Dairy Farmers, Inc. Members shall not receive compensation for their services but may receive reimbursement for the reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their responsibilities as members of the commission. The executive office of energy and environmental affairs and executive office of housing and economic development may furnish reasonable staff and other support for the work of the commission.

The commission shall review: (i) methods of supporting farms including development of tax incentives and credits for equipment related to farm-based renewable energy projects; (ii) effects of zoning ordinances and bylaws on farm-based renewable energy projects and means of reducing administrative and regulatory barriers to such projects; (iii) potential zoning exemptions of farm renewable energy systems; (iv) the feasibility of establishing an incentive program to facilitate the growth of non-solar renewable-energy distributed-generation projects on farms; (v) methods of encouraging the use of renewable energy resources on farms; (vi) development of

potential grant programs in support of farms to develop farm-based renewable energy capabilities including wind harvesting, energy conserving refrigerated food storage pilot projects, methane capture and green combustion and solar and photovoltaic energy projects; (vii) feasibility of using farms as resiliency centers during power outages or extreme weather events by installing technology such as battery storage or microgrids; (viii) the effects of climate change and means by which farms may seek to adapt to climate change; (ix) methods of promoting and facilitating more prompt interconnection of energy projects owned or operated by agricultural producers; (x) the development of a single uniform application for use by owners of farms in the commonwealth for application to any and all grant and other assistance programs administered by the department of agricultural resources and consistent with federal grant and program application criteria; (xi) the benefits of designating an administrator or separate office within the department of agricultural resources to provide advice, technical assistance and other guidance to owners of farms who apply for grants and other programs; (xii) ways to support, expand and enhance opportunities for agricultural tourism; (xiii) the timing of grant applications to the department of agricultural resources and department responses with a view to facilitating more efficient and timely use of grant funds; (xiv) administrative and regulatory barriers to and restrictions on farm owners placing renewable energy structures on farmland; (xv) means of addressing the need for education and technical assistance to farmers; and (xvi) any other matters the commission deems relevant to supporting the viability of farms in the commonwealth.

The commission shall file a report of its findings and recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the chairs of the senate and house

committees on ways and means, the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture, and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy not later than June 30, 2021.

SECTION 108H. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be established a special commission to investigate, study and make legislative recommendations on the participation of minority business enterprises and women business enterprises in public construction projects, including, but not limited to: (i) a review of the efficiency and adequacy of current laws and regulations designed to promote diversity; (ii) a review of employment data and recruitment strategies for public construction projects; and (iii) development of best practices for the promotion of diversity and application of such practices to public construction projects. The commission shall consist of 19 members, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the governor and who shall serve as co-chair; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the attorney general and who shall serve as co-chair; 2 of whom shall be members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 2 of whom shall be members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance or a designee; the inspector general or a designee; the chairperson of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc. or a designee; the president of the Massachusetts Building Trades Council or a designee; the president of the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts, Inc. or a designee; the president of the Building Trades Employers Association of Boston and Eastern Massachusetts, Inc. or a designee; the president of Associated Subcontractors of Massachusetts, Inc. or a designee; the president of Construction Industries of Massachusetts, Inc. or a designee; the

president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO or a designee; 2 representatives of the Massachusetts Minority Contractors Association, Inc.; a representative of the Boston chapter of the National Association of Women and Construction; and a representative of the Policy Group on Tradeswomen's Issues. The commission shall file a report on the results of its study, together with its recommendations and any legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not later than December 31, 2020.

SECTION 108I. (a) There is hereby established a special commission to examine and make recommendations relative to the economic impact of early education and care programming in the commonwealth. The commission shall consist of 19 members: 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of the department of early education and care, or a designee, and 1 of whom shall be the secretary of housing and economic development, or a designee, who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of education, or a designee; 1 of whom shall be a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 of whom shall be a member of the senate appointed by the senate president; 1 of whom shall be a member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 of whom shall be a member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the Massachusetts Association of Early Education and Care, or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc., or a designee; 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership, Inc.; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, Inc., or a

designee; 1 of whom shall the director of Strategies for Children, Inc. or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the president-elect of the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc. or a designee; and 5 of whom shall be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be an early educator in a community serving high percentages of low-income children, 1 of whom shall be a family child-care provider, 1 of whom shall be a private-pay early education and care provider and 2 of whom shall be employers or business leaders with proven records of supporting increased access to high quality early education and care programs and services.

(b) In appointing members of the commission, consideration shall be given to race, gender, socioeconomic and geographic diversity that is reflective of the early education and care workforce and the children and families it serves.

(c) The commission shall consider and report on: (i) the creation of statewide and regional hubs in order to foster, support and strengthen early education and care programming efforts and needs in partnership with public and private programs and local businesses; (ii) an overview and assessment of the current economic landscape of early education and care providers in the commonwealth; (iii) recommendations for providing targeted small business and economic development support for early education and care providers, including but not limited to technical support and loan programs; and (iv) recommendations on ways to strengthen public and private efforts and coordination in support of early education and care programming, including, but not limited to, establishing tax credits for businesses and employers interested in providing childcare benefits to employees.

(d) The chairs of the commission shall hold no fewer than 6 public meetings and ensure that the work of the commission incorporates feedback from the early education and care sector,

and the families and employers the sector serves across the commonwealth. The special commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations by filing its report with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies, not later than November 1, 2020.

(e) Not later than August 21, 2020, the department of early education and care in consultation with the secretary of housing and economic development shall submit a plan to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies on how the department will provide ongoing support for early education and care programs in the commonwealth in order to ensure economic diversity during the commonwealth's recovery efforts in 2020, including continued efforts to stabilize those programs serving the commonwealth's most vulnerable children and families, including, but not limited to, those serving children and families with active cases at the department of children and families. The report shall include an analysis of the economic impact any changes to such reimbursement efforts is expected to have on childcare providers and the region's local economy, including the recent economic impact on programs currently not supported by a state subsidy.

SECTION 108J. There is hereby established along state highway route 62 in the towns of Hudson, Berlin, Clinton, Sterling, Princeton, Stow and Maynard, a cultural highway, which shall ensure the preservation of the economic, cultural, historical, agricultural and scenic aspects unique to the route and its municipalities. The secretary of energy and environmental affairs shall establish the exact meets and bounds of the cultural highway and shall develop a program to protect the resources within the boundaries of the cultural highway. The program may include,

but is not limited to, the implementation of conservation restrictions, preservation restrictions, agricultural preservation restrictions, watershed preservation restrictions and the establishment of historical districts.

And moves to further amend the bill in section 120 by striking out, in line 2489, the words “and section 63”.

And further moves to amend the bill by inserting, after section 112, the following sections:-

SECTION 112E. Any approvals issued pursuant to section 108C shall automatically revert back to their status prior to the approval of the change for expansion of outdoor table service on November 30, 2020.

SECTION 112F. Amended licenses issued by local licensing authorities pursuant to section 108D shall automatically revert back to their status prior to the approval of the change in the description of a licensed premises on November 30, 2020.

SECTION 112G. Section 108A shall take effect on August 1, 2020.