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MASSACHUSETTS STATE HOUSE

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WOMEN'S RIGHTS

OUR BODIES
OUR RIGHTS
OUR POWER
#WEWONTGOBACK

NO To
DIVIDED
STATES
OF
AMERICA

PEOPLE

S.2210 An Act relative to advancing contraception coverage and economic security in our state (ACCESS Bill)

SUMMARY:

- 1 Protects coverage for no-copay birth control in the face of federal threats
- 2 Requires insurers in Massachusetts to cover all unique forms of approved contraceptive methods without cost-sharing
- 3 Prohibits insurers from using tools like step therapy to undermine and delay access to contraceptives



Passed by Senate: November 14, 2017



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 120 of the Acts of 2017

SENATE LEADER:



Senator Harriette L. Chandler

S.2260 An Act negating archaic statutes targeting young women (NASTY Women Act)

SUMMARY:

- 1 Overturns unconstitutional laws that criminalize abortion
- 2 Removes similar laws banning women from accepting contraceptive and abortion services
- 3 Underscores the importance of state leadership in protecting women's access to healthcare



Passed by Senate: January 25, 2018



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 155 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADER:



Senator Harriette L. Chandler

S.2093 An Act establishing the Massachusetts Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

SUMMARY:

- 1 Guarantees reasonable accommodations and safety measures for pregnant workers
- 2 Prohibits an employer from discriminating against an individual due to pregnancy or a condition related to pregnancy
- 3 Ensures that women's medical needs are addressed without imposing undue burden on employers throughout Massachusetts



Passed by Senate: June 29, 2017



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 54 of the Acts of 2017

SENATE LEADER:



Senator Joan B. Lovely

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MASSACHUSETTS PASSES REPEAL OF 173-YEAR
OLD ABORTION BAN AMID FEARS FOR FUTURE OF
ROE V. WADE

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TIME



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投票站 CASILLA ELECTORAL
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CIVIL RIGHTS

H.4671 An Act automatically registering eligible voters and enhancing safeguards against fraud

SUMMARY:

- 1 Creates a framework for eligible voters to automatically register to vote when receiving services from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, MassHealth, and other participating state agencies
- 2 Updates the requirements for transmission of voter registration affidavits and requires registration to be done through secure electronic methods
- 3 Applies existing penalties for voter fraud to a fine of up to \$10,000 or a five-year prison sentence



Passed by Senate: July 12, 2018



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2018

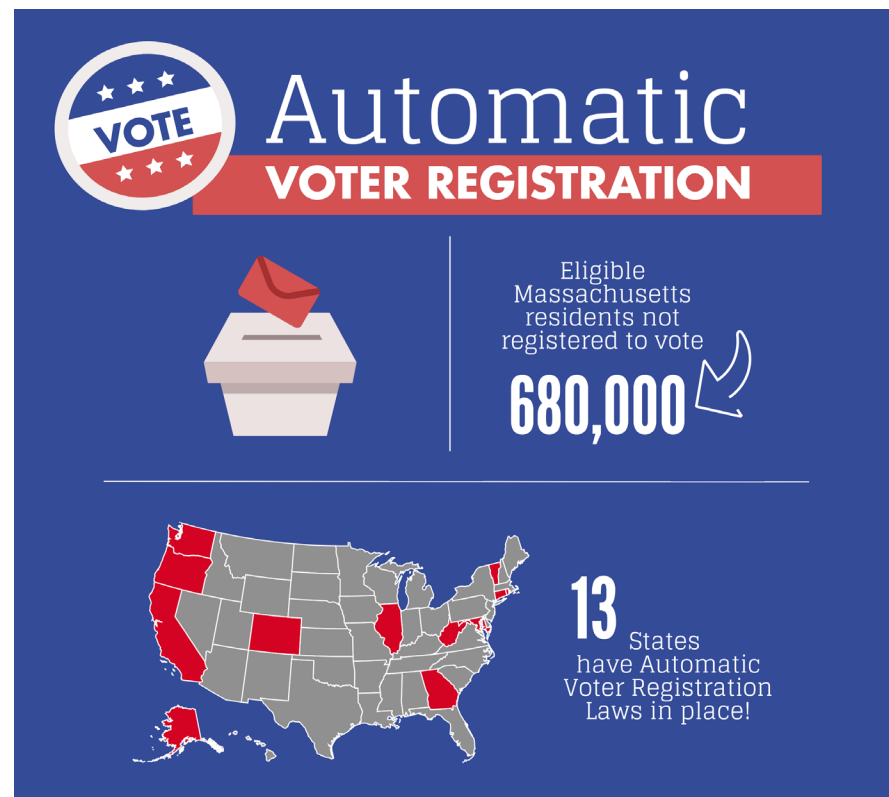


SENATE LEADERS:

Senator Cynthia S. Creem



Senator Anne M. Gobi



S.2562 An Act relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification

SUMMARY:

- 1 Establishes a non-binary gender identity option for state licenses
- 2 Requires the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) to allow an applicant for a driver's license, learner's permit, or ID card to choose "X" instead of "male" or "female"
- 3 Prohibits the RMV from requiring documentation to obtain an "X" designation



Passed by Senate: June 28, 2018



Status: Passed by Senate



SENATE LEADERS:

Senate President Karen E. Spilka



Senator Patricia D. Jehlen



Senator Julian Cyr



Having this extra choice for people who would like it just shows the people of the Commonwealth that trans people exist and trans people deserve to be normalized in society.

ELLA, THE 16-YEAR-OLD ADVOCATE WHO INSPIRED THE LEGISLATIVE EFFORT

SUMMARY:

- 1 Provides certain civil rights protections by prohibiting law enforcement from inquiring about a person's immigration status unless required by law
- 2 Informs individuals in police custody of their right to decline an ICE interview, or to have a private attorney present during the interrogation
- 3 Prohibits certain state and local law enforcement personnel from performing the functions of a federal immigration officer

 *Passed by Senate: May 25, 2018*

 *Status: Passed by Senate*

SENATE LEADER:

 Senator James B. Eldridge



MASS. SENATE PASSES IMMIGRANT PROTECTIONS

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SUMMARY:

- 1 Federal law allows for permanent residency for immigrants under the age of 21 who are found to be dependent on a state juvenile court and whose return to their home country would present great risk
- 2 The current U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), currently denies special immigrant juvenile status to many immigrants over the age of 18 who received the requisite findings from a court
- 3 This proposal would ensure that the probate, family, and juvenile court departments have the requisite statutory jurisdiction to issue special findings for immigrants between the ages of 18 and 21, and allow them to remain in the country

 *Passed by Senate: May 25, 2018*

 *Status: Signed into law: Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018*

SENATE LEADERS:

 Senator Cynthia S. Creem

 Senator William N. Brownsberger



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SUMMARY:

- 1 Updates decades-old criminal sentencing laws to improve outcomes of our criminal justice system
- 2 Repeals mandatory minimum sentences for low level drug offenders, reduces and eliminates over-burdensome fees and fines, allows for compassionate release of infirmed inmates, and reforms the juvenile justice system
- 3 Strengthens the procedural barriers to setting bail that is higher than a defendant can afford to ensure individuals are not held solely because they are unable to pay



Passed by Senate: October 27, 2017



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator William N. Brownsberger



Senator Jamie B. Eldridge



Senator Cynthia S. Creem



Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz



Senate President Karen E. Spilka



**CRIMINAL JUSTICE
REFORM**
Juvenile Justice

- > Raises the minimum age of criminal responsibility from seven to twelve and decriminalizes some first-time minor offenses
- > Expands opportunities for sealing and expungement of juvenile records
- > Reduces the use of arrest as a tool of school discipline in response to minor disciplinary issues

SUMMARY:

- 1 Complementary piece to the larger criminal justice reform bill, targeted at reducing recidivism by improving recidivism-reduction programming and post-release supervision
- 2 Incentivizes participation and completion of recidivism-reduction programming by permitting prisoners to earn additional "good time" credits and by increasing credit for program completion
- 3 Permits certain persons serving non-violent mandatory minimums to participate in recidivism-reduction programs for which they were previously ineligible



Passed by Senate: October 27, 2017



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 72 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADER:



Senator William N. Brownsberger



Senator Cynthia S. Creem



The top officials in all three branches of Massachusetts government came together to release the findings of a yearlong review of the state's criminal justice system. If implemented, the report by the Council of State Governments Justice Center could save the state a projected \$10 million by 2023 by reducing the prison population.





EDUCATION

SUMMARY:

- 1 Implements the recommendations of the bipartisan Foundation Budget Review Commission which found that the foundation budget formula is underestimating certain education costs
- 2 Addresses cuts to classrooms and critical programs and seeks to close the achievement gap caused by inadequate funding
- 3 Increases funding to address costs of special education and English language learners programs and provides increased support for lower income students

 Passed by Senate: May 10, 2018

 Status: Conference Committee (Agreement Not Reached)

SENATE LEADER:



Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz



Senator Patricia D. Jehlen



Senator Sal N. DiDomenico



Education is integral in the fight for justice and safety in our streets and in our schools. We must fund education equitably so that future generations of students can learn how to raise their voices and create change in their communities.



SUMMARY:

The FY 2018 and FY 2019 budgets included record increases for Chapter 70 education funding. These increases sought to account for the historically inadequate funding levels for low income students, increasing staff health care costs, and English language learners (ELL), as determined by the Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC), in an attempt to provide adequate funding for all students. The Senate took the following measures to address these three areas:

LOW INCOME STUDENTS:

Both the FY 2018 and FY 2019 Senate budgets included \$12.5 million annually for communities impacted by a federal change in the low income student calculation method

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS :



The FY 2019 budget implements recommendations regarding ELL students for the first time. This resulted in an increase in education aid of \$18.5 million, bring the rate to 65% of the goal rate established by the FBRC

HEALTH CARE:


The FY 2018 and FY 2019 budgets increased health care reimbursement rates 29% towards the goal rate. This resulted in an increase in education aid in FY 2019 of \$24.6 million


S.2374 An Act relative to financial literacy in schools


SUMMARY:

- 1 Establishes model standards for students in grades K-12 on personal financial literacy
 - 2 Directs the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to offer resources for professional development for the instruction of personal financial literacy
 - 3 Revives a financial literacy advisory committee to study programs on financial literacy and make recommendations related to the development and implementation of standards on personal financial literacy
-  Passed by Senate: March 22, 2018
-  Status: Passed by Senate

SENATE LEADER:

 Senator James B. Eldridge

 Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz

 Senator William N. Brownsberger



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“I have personally seen how critical it is to provide financial education to everyone within our state. Requiring these skills to be taught in our schools is an important step to ensuring that all students have access to the financial skills they need to make informed decisions throughout their lives.”


MASSACHUSETTS TREASURER DEB GOLDBERG


S.2125 An Act relative to language opportunity for our kids (LOOK Bill)


SUMMARY:


- 1 Updates the existing statute relative to English language education in public schools to encompass best practices serving English language learners (ELL)
 - 2 Removes the current mandate requiring schools use Sheltered English Immersion (SEI), or English-only programs as the default ELL program model
 - 3 Creates a Seal of Biliteracy as an essential skill for improving career and college readiness and competitiveness in the global economy
-  Passed by Senate: July 27, 2017
-  Status: Signed into law: Chapter 138 of the Acts of 2017

SENATE LEADERS:

 Senator Sal N. DiDomenico

 Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz

 Senator Patrick M. O'Connor

 Senate President Karen E. Spilka

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Expanding learning opportunities to include bilingual programs in our public schools will better position the next generation of leaders and learners for academic success and help close the achievement gap. We can all agree that we want all Massachusetts students to learn and succeed in school, whether or not English is their first language. In the global and diverse communities we live in today, the ability to provide classrooms more flexibility to serve the unique needs of students is a smart and long overdue decision.

The Boston Globe


S.242/ An Act establishing a student loan bill of rights

SUMMARY:

- 1 Requires student loan servicers to be licensed, and empowers state officials to investigate the servicers and take action against those that violate consumer protection laws
- 2 Allows violators and loan servicers taking advantage of students and graduates to be fined and forced to repay student borrowers

- 3 Supports the ongoing work of the Attorney General's Office (AGO) Student Loan Assistance Unit by establishing a Student Loan Ombudsman in the AGO who will lead efforts to respond to complaints from student loan borrowers and help them understand their rights

 Passed by Senate: April 11, 2018

 Status: Passed by Senate

 **SENATE LEADER:**
Senator Eric P. Lesser

STUDENT LOAN BILL OF RIGHTS



*Protecting student borrowers
from predatory loan servicers*

The Problem:

Students are asked to take on thousands in debt without support to navigate the system. Banks and loan servicers often take advantage of this with complicated agreements, steering borrowers into costly repayment plans that overcharge them.

In Massachusetts, the average student loan debt per student has increased by nearly 75 percent over the past decade, from \$17,000 to more than \$29,000, according to the Institute for College Access & Success.

S.2375 An Act to promote and enhance civic engagement


SUMMARY:


- 1 Implements a hands-on approach to fostering civic engagement
- 2 Incorporates project-based learning components, and encourages the instruction of civic competencies, including news and media literacy

- 3 Provides funding through the Civics Project Trust Fund for professional development and the further development of curriculum frameworks

 Passed by Senate: March 22, 2018

 Status: Returned with Amendment by Governor

 **SENATE LEADERS:**
Senator Harriette L. Chandler

 Senator Eric P. Lesser

CIVICS EDUCATION

Updates
Curriculum
Framework



Provides Civics
After School
Activities



Empowers
Young
Leaders





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

S.2090 An Act to ensure safe access to marijuana

SUMMARY:

- 1 Regulates the adult use of recreational marijuana
- 2 Sets tax rates to abolish the illicit market while implementing rigorous safeguards to protect public health and safety
- 3 Establishes provisions to ensure that communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the illicit drug market will be able to participate in the cannabis industry

 Passed by Senate: June 22, 2017

 Status: Signed into law: Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Patricia D. Jehlen



Senator William N. Brownsberger



Senator Richard J. Ross



We have protected the rights of adults to grow, possess, and use marijuana. To give them access to a safe, legal supply, the bill removes barriers to the development of a legal market. It protects the rights of medical marijuana patients, and gives opportunities to farmers and to people who have been harmed by the War on Drugs. The tax rate remains among the lowest in the country, and the same as in Oregon, often seen as successful.

SENATOR PATRICIA D. JEHLLEN
SENATE CHAIR OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON MARIJUANA POLICY

S.2635 An Act relative to economic development in the Commonwealth

SUMMARY:

- 1 Authorizes \$75 million in competitive grants for technical education and training programs, and \$200 million in MassWorks infrastructure projects
- 2 Reforms the state's non-compete laws by establishing conditions on the enforcement of noncompetition agreements, improves worker mobility, and frees employees to pursue their careers
- 3 Provides capital funding authorization for infrastructure improvements at the Raymond L. Flynn Cruiseport to accommodate large cruise ships and requires MassPort to implement an advanced emission reduction technology program to reduce emissions associated with cruise ship operations

 Passed by Senate: July 25, 2018

 Status: Signed into law: Chapter 228 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Eric P. Lesser



Senator Nick Collins



Senator Jason M. Lewis



Senator William N. Brownsberger




S.238/ An Act regulating and insuring short-term rentals

SUMMARY:

- 1 Expands the scope of the state's room occupancy excise tax and local option excise tax to include short-term rentals
- 2 Enforces consumer protection measures, including requiring hosting platforms to maintain liability insurance and strengthens data collection and sharing for cities and towns
- 3 Estimated to annually raise an additional \$26 million in state tax revenue and \$26 million in local tax revenue

 Passed by Senate: April 4, 2018

 Status: Returned with Amendment by Governor

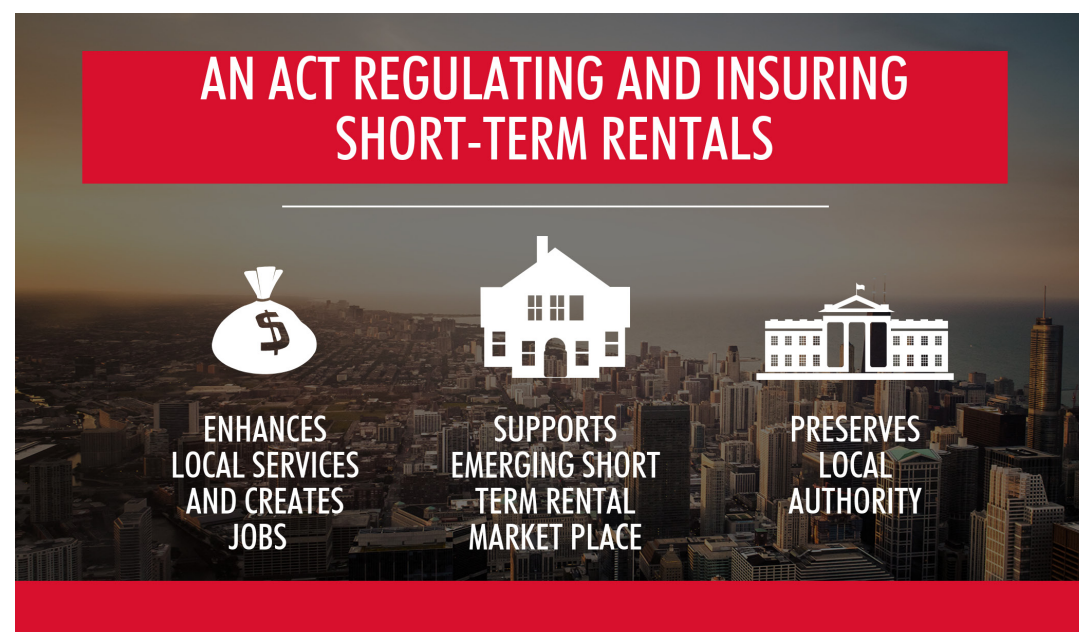
SENATE LEADER:



Senator Michael J. Rodrigues



Senator James B. Eldridge



S.253/ An Act providing continued investment in the life sciences industry in the Commonwealth

SUMMARY:

- 1 Authorizes nearly \$463 million in bonds for continued job growth through capital grants that advance education, workforce development, advanced bio-manufacturing, scientific innovation and early-stage company growth through spaces dedicated to life science companies
- 2 Authorizes \$12 million for grants to community colleges or vocational technical schools that collaborate with the Life Sciences Center and at least one advanced bio-manufacturing or life science company to increase regional employment opportunities
- 3 Authorizes capital funding for the UMASS system for integrated biotechnology and precision manufacturing research and training, nursing innovation, advanced bio-manufacturing and digital health, and neuroscience-related advancements and workforce training

 Passed by Senate: May 31, 2018

 Status: Signed into law: Chapter 112 of the Acts of 2018

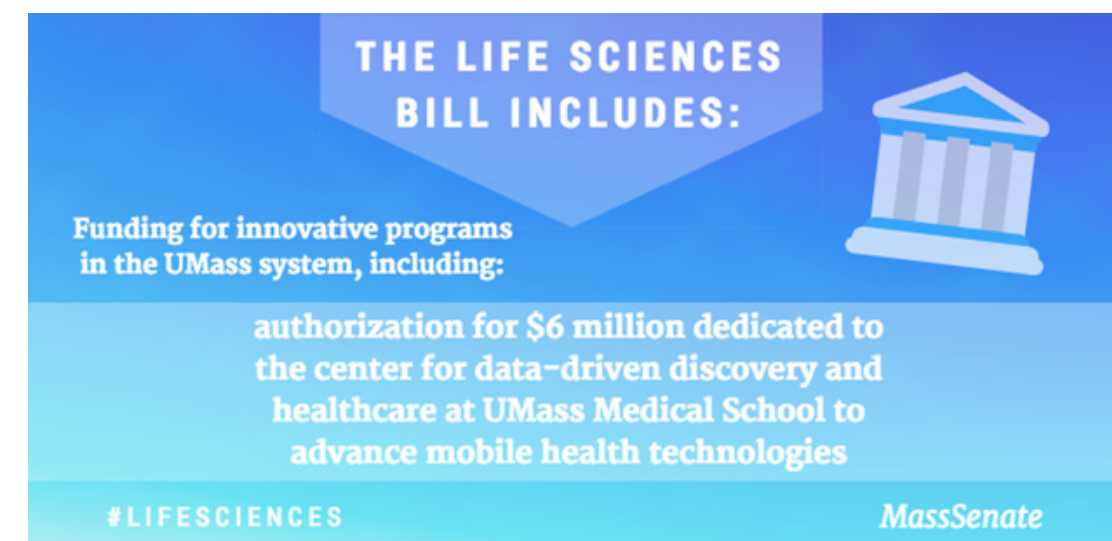
SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Eric P. Lesser





Senator Michael J. Rodrigues



S.2192

An Act to diversify the use of the Workforce Training Fund to support the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund

SUMMARY:

- 1 Names the grants distributed through the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund in Honor of the late Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly
 - 2 Transfers up to 5% of funds from the Workforce Training Fund to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund for grants related to pipeline training
 - 3 Ties half of the grant funds to job placement and retention outcomes
-  Passed by Senate: October 26, 2017
-  Status: Signed into law: Chapter 228 of Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADER:



Senator Cindy F. Friedman



Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly

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This bill strengthens our workforce development system where it is needed the most, providing unemployed workers a pathway to economic stability. Senator Donnelly was a long-time advocate for working families and it is so fitting that as we provide a reliable funding stream for workforce development grants that we honor his memory by naming the grants after him.

SENATOR CINDY F. FRIEDMAN (D-ARLINGTON)

S.2300

An Act providing for capital facility repairs and improvements for the Commonwealth (DCAMM Bond Bill)

SUMMARY:

- 1 Authorizes up to \$3.5 billion in bonds for capital facility improvements to Commonwealth assets, including state university and community college campuses, court facilities, and to public safety and security facilities
 - 2 Authorizes up to \$326 million for a grant program to provide funding to cities and towns for infrastructure improvements and informational technical equipment and upgrades
 - 3 Directs stakeholders to engage in a comprehensive study on access to high-quality vocational education
-  Passed by Senate: February 8, 2018
-  Status: Signed into law: Chapter 113 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator John F. Keenan



Senator Donald F. Humason, Jr.

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SENATE PASSES BILL FUNDING STATE CAPITAL FACILITY REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

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WORKER EMPOWERMENT

FY19 BUDGET Earned Income Tax Credit

SUMMARY:

- 1 The Massachusetts Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable credit that incentivizes work and provides much needed assistance to families that struggle to cover their basic expenses
 - 2 Raises the EITC from 23% to 30% of the federal credit
 - 3 Doubles the EITC in Massachusetts from 2015 when the Legislature raised the EITC from 15% to 23% of the federal credit
-  *Passed by Senate: May 25, 2018*
-  *Status: Signed into law: Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018*

SENATE LEADERS:



Senate President Karen E. Spilka



Senator James B. Eldridge

A WIN for WORKING FAMILIES!


 **30%**  **450,000** 
Increase in the EITC Working Families eligible to
receive the expanded tax cut



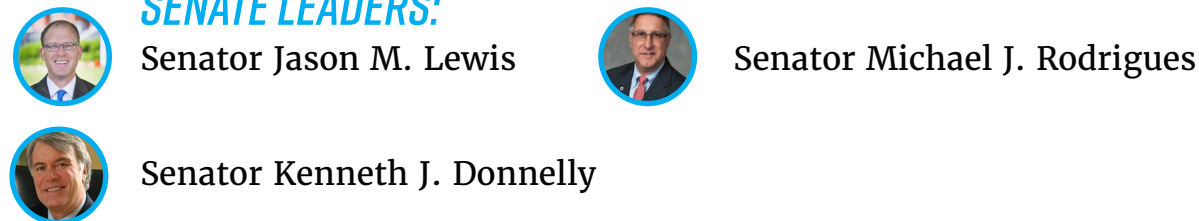
MINIMUM WAGE SUMMARY:

- 1 Increases the minimum wage incrementally to \$15 by 2023
- 2 Increases tipped minimum wage incrementally to \$6.75 by 2023 and requires tipped workers be brought up to state minimum wage based on earnings that day, rather than pay cycle
- 3 Estimates project that a quarter of the Massachusetts workforce would see raises as a result of a \$15 minimum wage by 2023

 Passed by Senate: June 20, 2018

 Status: Signed into law: Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:



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The bill is a victory for workers who will see the minimum wage increase and for families who need time off to care for loved ones. Most importantly, it's a victory for all people who want a strong economy that works for all of us, not just those at the top.



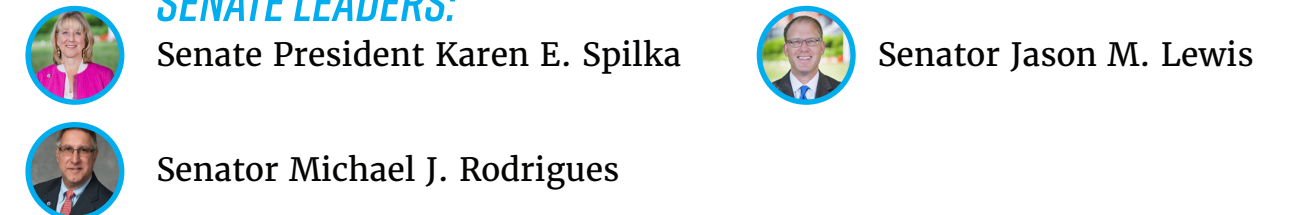
PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE SUMMARY:

- 1 Provides up to 12 weeks per year to care for a family member or bond with a new child. Provides up to 20 weeks per year to deal with a personal medical issue
- 2 Allows up to 26 weeks to deal with an emergency related to deployment of a family member for military service

 Passed by Senate: June 20, 2018

 Status: Signed into law: Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:



Paid Family and Medical Leave

Pro-Family



Family members can take care of one another

Fights Income Inequality



Provides workers a source of income while they care for themselves or family members

Pro-Business



Reduces employee turnover expenses and costs

H.4640 PT.3

An Act relative to minimum wage, paid family medical leave, and the sales tax holiday (Grand Bargain)

SALES TAX HOLIDAY SUMMARY:

- 1 Creates an annual sales tax holiday in Massachusetts
- 2 Provides relief for consumers and increased sales for retailers
- 3 Requires the legislature or administration to annually designate an August weekend for the sales tax holiday



Passed by Senate: June 20, 2018



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Jason M. Lewis



Senator Michael J. Rodrigues



Senator Bruce E. Tarr



SHOPPERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
MASSACHUSETTS TAX-FREE HOLIDAY



S.2327

An Act to prevent wage theft and promote employer accountability

SUMMARY:

- 1 Holds both lead and sub-contractors liable for wages, penalties, and fines in wage theft cases
- 2 Allows the Attorney General to bring wage theft cases to court and seek civil damages and issue stop work orders
- 3 Creates a trust fund to repay stolen wages when other recovery options are exhausted



Passed by Senate: June 21, 2018



Status: Passed by Senate

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Sal M. DiDomenico



Senator Paul R. Feeney

S.2327 | **AN ACT TO PREVENT WAGE THEFT AND PROMOTE EMPLOYER ACCOUNTABILITY**

- HOLDS CONTRACTORS LIABLE FOR WAGE THEFT VIOLATIONS**
- ALLOWS AG'S OFFICE TO SEEK CIVIL DAMAGES IN WAGE THEFT CASES**
- ALLOWS AG TO ISSUE STOP WORK ORDERS UNTIL VIOLATIONS ARE CORRECTED**

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

H.4857 An Act to advance clean energy

SUMMARY:

- 1 Increases the renewable portfolio standard thereby requiring retail electric suppliers to purchase an additional 2% of renewables each year until 2030
- 2 Creates a state-wide energy storage goal of 1000 MW Hours to be achieved by December 31, 2025
- 3 Authorizes Department of Energy Resources to require distribution companies to procure up to 1600 MW of additional offshore wind generation by December 31, 2025, after conducting a review of the existing solicitation and procurement process for offshore wind generation

 *Passed by Senate: June 14, 2018*

 *Status: Signed into law: Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2018*

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Marc R. Pacheco



Senator Michael J. Barrett



Senator Patrick M. O'Connor



Senator James B. Eldridge

Senate Clean Energy Bill

Planning for the future by Increasing:



In Energy Markets



For Ratepayers



Of Resources

S.259/

An Act promoting climate change adaptation, environmental and natural resource protection, and investment in recreational assets and opportunity

SUMMARY:

- 1 Authorizes up to \$2.4 billion to improve climate change resiliency and adaptation, enhances environmental and natural resource protection, and invests in parks and recreational assets
- 2 Requires the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to coordinate and strengthen climate resilience and prepare for climate change impacts in Massachusetts
- 3 Creates and funds a Global Warming Solutions Trust Fund to support the implementation of the Global Warming Solutions Act, the Clean Energy and Climate Plan and state and local strategies for climate adaptation



Passed by Senate: July 12, 2018



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Anne M. Gobi



Senator John F. Keenan



Senator Marc R. Pacheco



Senator William N. Brownsberger



WITH CLIMATE CHANGE FRONT AND
CENTER, MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE
SENDS \$2.4 BILLION ENVIRONMENTAL BOND
BILL TO GOVERNOR'S DESK

MASS LIVE

S.2/96

An Act providing for the establishment of a comprehensive adaptation management plan in response to climate change (CAMP Bill)

SUMMARY:

- 1 Establishes a comprehensive climate adaptation management action plan (CAMP) through a collaboration led by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Secretary of Public Safety and Security
- 2 The plan would codify for the Baker Administration and all future administrations the goals, priorities and principles for resiliency, preservation, protection, restoration and enhancement of the Commonwealth's built and natural infrastructure based on data around existing and projected climate change impacts, including temperature changes, drought, inland flooding and sea level rise
- 3 The plan would go into effect in 2018 with an update every 5 years



Passed by Senate: November 8, 2017



Status: Passed by Senate

SENATE LEADER:



Senator Marc R. Pacheco



Massachusetts needs a new energy law to help meet its deadline of cutting greenhouse gas emissions 25% by 2020. The state has made great progress, shedding coal and oil-fired generators in favor of cleaner burning natural gas, but will not reach the goal without tapping renewable energy sources faster...

The Boston Globe



VETERANS' INITIATIVES

SUMMARY:

- 1 Expands benefits and increases access to a range of services for veterans, active duty military and their families to ensure Massachusetts remains first in the nation for veterans' services
- 2 Provides paid military leave for state employees called to duty by the armed forces for up to 40 days for training and operation purposes
- 3 Increases the burial expense funds paid by the Commonwealth from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for indigent veterans



Passed by Senate: May 3, 2018



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADER:

Senator Michael F. Rush



This omnibus veterans' legislation encompasses some of the very best ideas presented by my colleagues in the legislature and the veterans of the Commonwealth to assist veterans and their families with employment protections, tax exemptions, burial expenses, court programs, medical care, and also continues to recognize those who serve and who have served. We want to ensure that Massachusetts remains number one in the nation in providing for our veterans, men and women in uniform, and their families. This legislation goes a long way in accomplishing this goal.

SENATOR MICHAEL F. RUSH

SENATE CHAIR OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS

SUMMARY:

- 1 Provides a tax credit worth up to \$2,000 for each veteran hired to businesses with fewer than 100 employees who participate in a veterans hiring certification program at the Department of Veterans' Services
- 2 Requires the Department of Veterans' Services to develop a comprehensive program to improve employment opportunities and outcomes among veterans by providing guidance to businesses in attracting, hiring, training, and retaining veterans
- 3 This program will better connect our highly trained and educated veterans with potential employers and allow those employers to receive training in veteran employment



Passed by Senate: May 25, 2017



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017

SENATE LEADER:

Senator Michael F. Rush



HEALTH CARE

S.2296 An Act to protect access to confidential healthcare (PATCH Act)

SUMMARY:

- 1 Requires insurance carriers to send summary of payment forms on the member-level to insured members authorized to consent to their own care only
- 2 Requires all insurance carriers to use a common summary of payment form
- 3 Authorizes insured members legally authorized to consent to care to request suppression of specific services or procedures when the insured member has no liability for payment



Passed: February 14, 2018



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 63 of the Acts of 2018



SENATE LEADER:

Senate President Karen E. Spilka





Whether it's something that we [Planned Parenthood] provide, like birth control or sexually transmitted infections testing, or diabetes care. There are so many different things that patients seek care for that really should be confidential.

DR. JENNIFER CHILDS-ROSHAK, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF
PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF MASSACHUSETTS



S.2612 An Act relative to Alzheimer's and related dementias in the Commonwealth

SUMMARY:

- 1 Requires all physicians and certain other medical professionals to complete a continuing education requirement on the diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and dementia
 - 2 Requires hospitals to implement operational plans for the recognition and management of patients with dementia in acute-care settings
 - 3 Requires the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to develop and carry out an assessment of all state programs that address Alzheimer's disease and to create and maintain an integrated state plan to address and assist in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease
-  Passed by Senate: July 19, 2018
-  Status: Signed into law: Chapter 220 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Barbara A. L'Italien





Senator Patricia D. Jehlen

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A LANDMARK LAW HOPES TO IMPROVE
ALZHEIMER'S CARE IN MA

The Boston Globe

S.2623 An Act for prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction

SUMMARY:

- 1 Requires healthcare providers to take a holistic approach to chronic pain management, including alternatives to opioid treatment
 - 2 Calls for hospitals to provide evidence-based interventions and connections to substance-use disorder programs prior to discharge following an opioid-related overdose
 - 3 Requires correctional involuntary commitment facilities to have the capacity to provide Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT), and requires correctional facilities phase in the provision of MAT to individuals in custody
-  Passed by Senate: July 19, 2018
-  Status: Signed into law: Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:



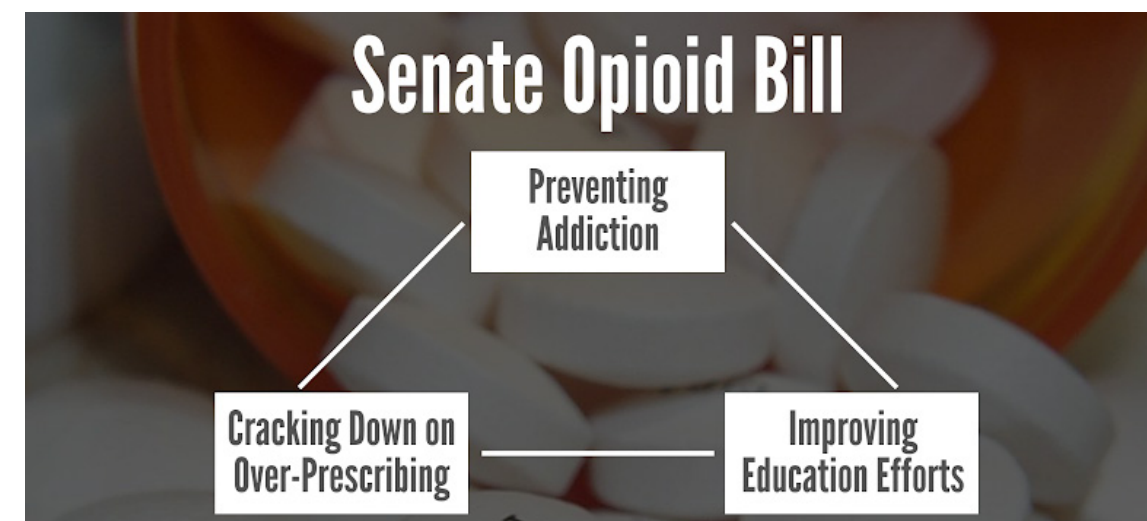
Senator Cindy F. Friedman



Senator John F. Keenan





Senator Nick Collins

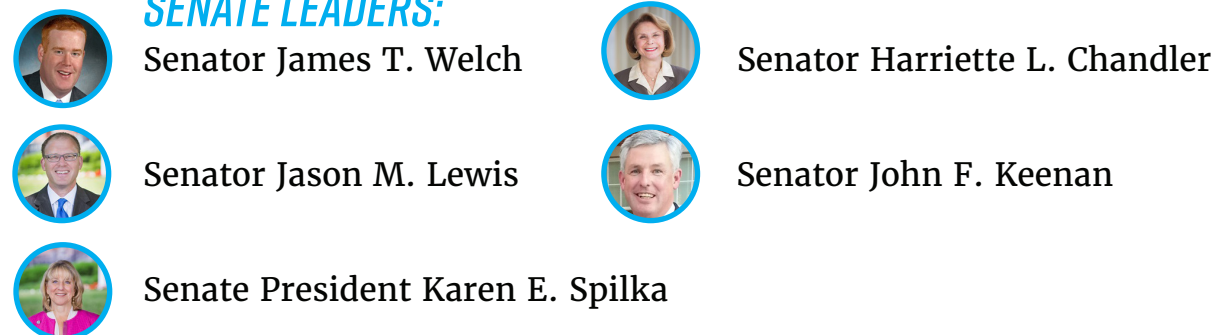


S.2211 An Act furthering health empowerment and affordability by leveraging transformative health care (HEALTH Act)

SUMMARY:



- 1 Focuses on both short and long term goals to fix our healthcare system to lower costs, improve outcomes, and maintain access
 - 2 Supports access to cost-effective care settings (right care), meets the patient where they're at (right place), and protects consumers from unexpected and unnecessary costs (fair price)
 - 3 Implements more effective care delivery such as telemedicine and mobile integrated health, reduces emergency room visits, expands provider versatility, and addresses price variation between larger hospitals and their smaller community hospital counterparts
-  Passed by Senate: November 10, 2017
-  Status: Conference Committee (Agreement not Reached)

SENATE LEADERS:



S.2571 An Act protecting youth from the health risks of tobacco and nicotine addiction


SUMMARY:

- 1 Increases the legal sales age for tobacco products from 18 to 21
 - 2 Ensures that places that are tobacco-free will also be vape free, including schools, restaurants and workplaces
 - 3 Allows the Department of Public Health to regulate new, emerging tobacco products, and requires CHIA to study the current tobacco cessation benefits offered by health insurance plans
-  Passed by Senate: June 28, 2018
-  Status: Signed into law: Chapter 157 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADER:



TOBACCO BILL

The Town of
NEEDHAM 

↓48%

achieved a 48% reduction in youth tobacco use after becoming the first community in MA to raise the MLSA to 21

Raise minimum legal sales age from 18 to 21

for all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. This strategy has been proven to be very effective in keeping tobacco products out of high school social networks

CONSUMER PROTECTION & PRIVACY

S.2346 An Act relative to social media privacy protection

SUMMARY:

- 1 Protects the personal social media accounts of students and employees across the Commonwealth
- 2 Increases online privacy protections to ensure that information on a social media account is not abused
- 3 Prevents employers and schools from requesting and requiring access to the personal social media accounts of applicants, employees, and students as a condition of acceptance, employment, or participation in school activities



Passed by Senate: March 15, 2018



Status: Passed by Senate



SENATE LEADER:

Senator Cynthia S. Creem



SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY ACT

Prohibits schools and employers from:

- ✓ Requesting or requiring current and prospective students and employees to provide access to a private social media account
- ✓ Compelling individuals to add a school staff member or the employer to a list of contacts associated with a private social media account

S.2376

An Act protecting consumers by prohibiting blocking, throttling, or paid prioritization in the provision of internet service (Net Neutrality)

SUMMARY:

- 1 Requires the Department of Telecommunications and Cable to grade internet service providers (ISPs) based on the provider's service quality, policies on paid prioritization, network management practices and consumer privacy practices, and disclose those grades to consumers
- 2 Creates the "Massachusetts Net Neutrality and Consumer Privacy Seal" to demonstrate an ISP's commitment to equal access to an open and neutral internet, the prohibition of paid prioritization, and easy opt-out mechanism of third party access to customer information
- 3 Allows the Attorney General, through the office of ratepayer advocacy, to act on behalf of consumers on matters involving ISPs



Passed by Senate: July 19, 2018



Status: **Passed by Senate**

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Cynthia S. Creem



Senator James T. Welch



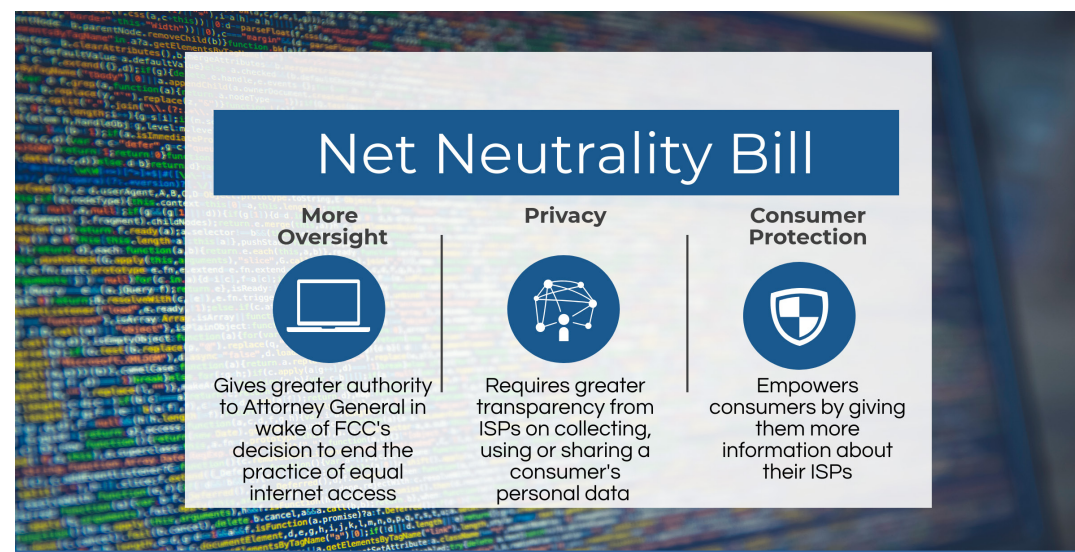
Senator Bruce E. Tarr



Senator Barbara A. L'Italien



Senator James B. Eldridge



S.2482

An Act relative to consumer protections from security breaches

SUMMARY:

- 1 Protects the personal information of consumers in the case of data breaches
- 2 Limits a consumer reporting agency's ability to charge a fee to a consumer who elects to place or remove a security freeze from a consumer report
- 3 Provides 42 months of free credit monitoring for individuals whose data was part of a credit reporting agency breach, and 18 months of free credit reporting for individuals whose data was part of a breach from any other business or entity



Passed by Senate: April 26, 2018



Status: **Returned with Amendment by Governor**



SENATE LEADER:

Senator Barbara A. L'Italien

CREDIT PROTECTION BILL

Consumer Protection



Allows all consumers to freeze and thaw their credit for free

Credit Security



Provides 42 months of free credit monitoring when a credit reporting agency is breached

Consumer Consent



Empowers consumers to know who is requesting their data and why



TAX RELIEF & REFORM



SUMMARY:

- 1 Creates an independent commission to evaluate tax expenditures and determine whether each tax expenditure is a cost effective use of tax payers dollars
- 2 Requires the commission to assess the economic impact of each tax expenditure, including revenue loss compared to economic gain and jobs created, retained or lost as a result of the tax expenditure
- 3 Requires the commission to review each tax expenditure at least once every 5 years and to produce biennial reports available for public review and review by the Legislature

 Passed by Senate: May 25, 2018

 Status: Signed into law: Chapter 207 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:

-  Senate President Karen E. Spilka
  Senator James B. Eldridge
-  Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz




UNDER BUDGET PACT, BUSINESS TAX BREAKS
WILL GET MORE SCRUTINY

BOSTON
BUSINESS JOURNAL





SUMMARY:

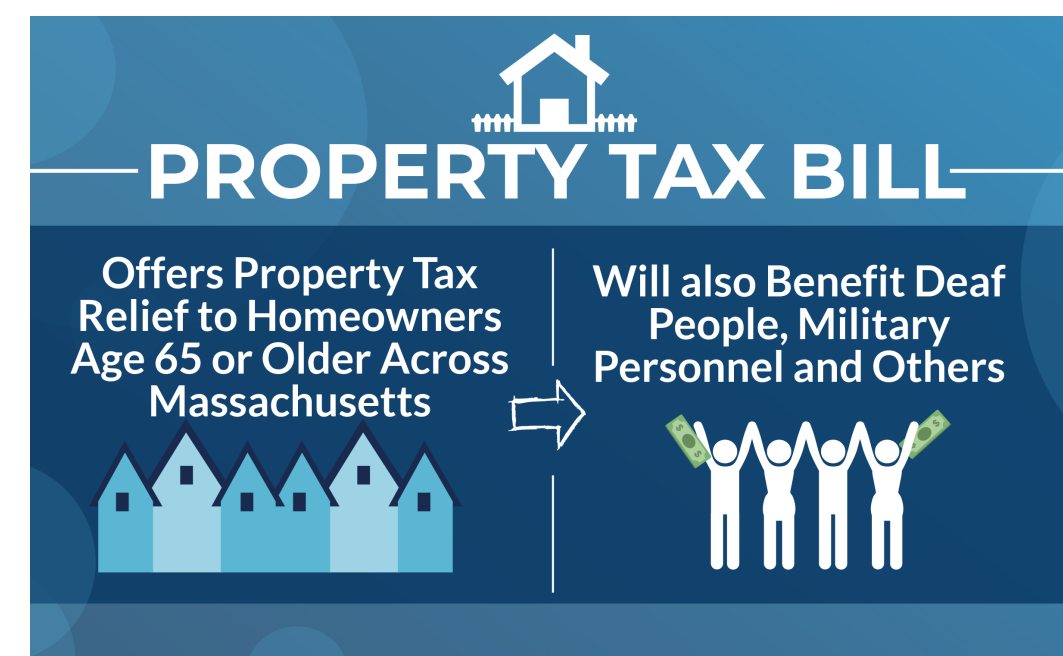
- 1 Provides property tax breaks for low-income seniors, veterans, and the disabled
- 2 Gives cities and towns more options to adjust property taxes
- 3 Provides the option to extend time for higher interest payments

 Passed by Senate: July 27, 2017

 Status: Passed by Senate

SENATE LEADERS:

-  Senator Michael D. Brady
  Senator Patricia D. Jehlen
-  Senator Cynthia S. Creem
  Senator Michael J. Rodrigues





PUBLIC SAFETY

H.4516 An Act relative to the municipal police training fund

SUMMARY:

- 1 Creates a stable revenue stream that will provide up to an additional \$10 million in funding for the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) each year
- 2 Requires annual reporting to ensure training funds are spent efficiently and broadly across all communities in the Commonwealth
- 3 Ensures all officers receive the most up-to-date training so they are prepared to deal with every situation that arises in the course of their duties



Passed by Senate: July 18, 2018



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 153 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Julian Cyr



Senator Michael O. Moore



Senator Viriato M. DeMacedo



The Municipal Police Training Committee looks forward to utilizing these funds to help prepare the Commonwealth's police officers for the ever-changing and multifaceted demands of the police profession.

*DANIEL ZIVKOVICH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
POLICE TRAINING COMMITTEE*

SUMMARY:

- 1 Establishes a civil procedure for removing guns from people who present a high risk of danger to themselves or others
- 2 Attempts to reduce suicide and homicide rates by providing an opportunity to intervene and prevent a person from accessing firearms during a time of crisis
- 3 Empowers families and law enforcement to prevent future gun tragedies in Massachusetts

 Passed by Senate: June 7, 2018

 Status: Signed into law: Chapter 123 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADER:

 Senator Cynthia S. Creem

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We are extremely proud of the gun laws we currently have in Massachusetts, but we know that there is still more we can do to protect public safety here. The extreme risk protection order bill empowers families and law enforcement to take action when a close relation is in crisis, while preserving the individual's right to due process. While police already have broad discretion in firearms licensing in Massachusetts, the ERPO bill provides a critical immediate tool for families, which law enforcement does not currently have, to protect loved ones and public safety.







SUMMARY:

- 1 Bans bump stocks and trigger cranks and classifies them under the same law that governs machine guns
- 2 Anyone found in possession of a bump stock or other similarly banned equipment will be subject to prosecution, with sentences ranging from 18 months to life in prison
- 3 Instructs the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to notify licensed owners and manufacturers of bump stocks and trigger cranks of the effective date of the changes

 Passed by Senate: October 12, 2017

 Status: Signed into law: Chapter 110 of the Acts of 2017

SENATE LEADERS:

 Senator Cynthia S. Creem	 Senator Michael O. Moore
 Senator Bruce E. Tarr	 Senator Michael J. Rodrigues

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MASS. BECOMES FIRST STATE TO BAN BUMP STOCKS AFTER LAS VEGAS SHOOTING

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S.2203 An Act concerning sexual violence on higher education campuses

SUMMARY:

- 1 Establishes state-level policies for all higher education institutions in the Commonwealth
- 2 Ensures that fair procedures and appropriate services are in place at higher education institutions across Massachusetts for both the reporting party and the accused
- 3 Provides tools and training to our higher education institutions to help prevent sexual assault on college campuses

 Passed by Senate: November 2, 2017

 Status: Passed by Senate

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Michael O. Moore



Senator Cynthia S. Creem

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I think it's important for the state to get out ahead of this and make sure that these protections are codified in state law. So if there's a rollback in any way, we're assuring the best practices.

ALISA CHAPMAN, DIRECTOR OF COMPLIANCE AT
MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN BEDFORD




S.2092 An Act to prevent driver distraction and motor vehicle fatalities

SUMMARY:

- 1 Bans the use of hand-held mobile devices while driving and allows exemptions for emergency calls
- 2 Imposes a \$100 fine for a first-time offense and a \$250 fine for a second-time offense
- 3 Subsequent offenses result in a \$500 fine and would be considered moving violations for insurance purposes

 Passed by Senate: June 29, 2017

 Status: Passed by Senate

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Mark C. Montigny



Senator Cynthia S. Creem



Senator Thomas M. McGee



SUPPORTING CHILDREN, FAMILIES & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

S.2178 An Act relative to handicapped parking

SUMMARY:

- 1 Enforces penalties for improper use of handicapped parking placards
- 2 Imposes fines of \$500 for a first-time offense, and \$1000 for a subsequent offense for those who lie to obtain or replace a handicapped placard
- 3 Implements public safety recommendations for proper handicapped placard use from the Office of the Inspector General of Massachusetts



Passed by Senate: October 12, 2017



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2017



SENATE LEADER:

Senator Eileen M. Donoghue



This legislation would also benefit injured veterans, an often-ignored demographic group when it comes to accessibility. Can you imagine any legislator standing up to oppose such a morally just proposition? We can't. This bill's a no-brainer.

Sentinel & Enterprise

SUMMARY:

- 1 Creates a pilot program to promote the recruitment, hiring, promotion and retention of individuals with a disability in state contracts
- 2 Requires the Supplier Diversity Office, in consultation with the Massachusetts Office on Disability, to establish a pilot program with a utilization contract based goal of 7% inclusion of qualified individuals with disabilities
- 3 Requires the pilot program to cover 3 different types of services or employment opportunities

 Passed by Senate: May 25, 2018

 Status: Signed into law: Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADER:



Senator Nick Collins



Senator Joan B. Lovely



The FY19 budget reflects our ongoing commitment to the people of the Commonwealth, including our children, working families and the most vulnerable, while also maintaining fiscal responsibility. We take important steps towards supporting families through expanding access to the economy through the creation of a pilot program to promote employment in state contracts with persons with disabilities.

SENATE PRESIDENT KAREN E. SPILKA (D-ASHLAND)

SUMMARY:

- 1 The Massachusetts “Family Cap” was established in 1995 and was purportedly designed to discourage recipients of Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) benefits from having additional children while receiving aid
- 2 This outdated, unjust and unempirical policy results in nearly 9,000 underprivileged children and their families not receiving the assistance they need
- 3 Removing the cap counts children conceived while a family was receiving aid in the calculation of TAFDC benefits

 Passed by Senate: May 25, 2018

 Status: Vetoed by Governor

SENATE LEADER:



Senator Sal N. DiDomenico



Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz

**SENATE WAYS&MEANS BUDGET:
LIFT THE CAP ON KIDS**

The FY19 Senate Ways and Means Budget provides language and funding to lift the Cap on Kids, allowing thousands of families to receive the benefits they need to pay for basic necessities for their children.





ANIMAL RIGHTS

S.2347 An Act to protect animal welfare in cities and towns (PAWS II)

SUMMARY:

- 1 Strengthens reporting requirements for cases of animal abuse, cruelty, and neglect
- 2 Eliminates the automatic euthanization of animals rescued from animal fighting operations, and prohibits any animal from being euthanized or otherwise put to death by drowning
- 3 Requires vacant properties to be searched for abandoned animals to prevent undue suffering
- 4 Strengthens penalties for fleeing the scene of a hit-and-run accident involving a pet

 Passed by Senate: March 15, 2018

 Status: Signed into law: Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2018

SENATE LEADERS:



Senator Bruce E. Tarr



Senator Mark C. Montigny



Senator Ryan C. Fattman



Senator Adam G. Hinds

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2ND ‘PAWS’ BILL SEEKS FURTHER
PROTECTIONS FOR ANIMALS




S.2331 An Act relative to puppies and kittens

SUMMARY:

- 1 Strengthens Massachusetts’ puppy lemon law by giving pet owners more options if they unknowingly purchase a sick dog
- 2 Ensures consumers won’t be forced to make the difficult choice of giving an animal up, or paying exorbitant medical bills by requiring a seller to reimburse a portion of medical bills
- 3 Bans sale of puppies and kittens under 8 weeks old, and requires those sold at pet shops come from licensed breeders without certain Animal Welfare Act violations

 Passed by Senate: March 15, 2018

 Status: Passed by Senate

SENATE LEADER:



Senate President Karen E. Spilka

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MASSACHUSETTS SENATE INCREASES
LAWS TO PROTECT PUPPIES AND KITTENS


Neighbors first!

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

S.2076 Housing Bond Bill

SUMMARY:

- 1 Authorizes \$18 million in bonds, including an additional \$5 million per year in the Massachusetts low income housing tax credit program for projects that preserve and improve existing state or federally assisted housing
- 2 Extends the Community Investment Tax Credit to December 31, 2025, and phases in increases to the maximum annual allocation of credits
- 3 Increases the annual amount that may be authorized for the Massachusetts historic rehabilitation tax credit from \$50 million to \$55 million



Passed by Senate: March 29, 2018



Status: Signed into law: Chapter 99 of the Acts of 2018



SENATE LEADERS:

Senator Joseph A. Boncore



Senator John F. Keenan

Housing Affordability

Central to the state's investment in housing development with a specific emphasis on low and moderate income residents.

Workforce Housing Fund

\$100 million to support the creation of rental housing that is affordable for working families whose incomes are too high for subsidized housing but are priced out of market rents.



Tax Credits

Extends and Expands critical tax credits to further private and non-profit investment in affordable housing.



SUMMARY:

- 1 State-wide access provides coverage to the 30% of residents previously without access, ensuring representation on the Cape and the Islands and communities without coverage in Suffolk, Middlesex, and Norfolk County
- 2 Provides state-wide access to Housing Courts, which offer a specialized legal forum for tenants, landlords, and others with housing issues
- 3 Housing Courts have proven to be an effective and efficient avenue for resolving housing disputes, producing the lowest cost per case across all Trial Court departments

 Passed by Senate: May 25, 2017

 Status: Signed into law: Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017

SENATE LEADER:

 Senate President Karen E. Spilka

 Senator Viriato M. DeMacedo

 Senator William N. Brownsberger




It makes sense from an access-to-justice standpoint given our expertise in this area to make the services of the Housing Court available to those 84 communities and approximately two million citizens who up until this point and time did not have access.

TIMOTHY F. SULLIVAN
MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING COURT CHIEF JUSTICE

SUMMARY:

- 1 Establishes a fee waiver process for youth and adults who are homeless
- 2 Removes barriers to apply for a state-issued ID when an individual cannot provide proof of a permanent address
- 3 Increases access to services intended to help lift people out of poverty, such as applying for jobs and opening bank accounts

 Passed by Senate: June 28, 2018

 Status: Passed by Senate

SENATE LEADER:

 Senator Harriette L. Chandler

Homeless ID Bill



Waives fees associated with obtaining an ID for persons who are homeless or are unaccompanied homeless youth.



Creates a process for homeless persons to apply for an ID using alternative proofs of residency, without a permanent address.



Documentation can come from homeless service providers or the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.



APPENDIX

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H.3822 AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO HEALTH CARE

Establishes employer contribution health assessment and UI changes that build on the existing employer medical assistance contribution



Status: *Signed into law: Chapter 63 of the Acts of 2017*

S.2167 AN ACT TO FURTHER DEFINE STANDARDS OF EMPLOYEE SAFETY

Provides all state and municipal workers with the same protections provided under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), ensuring safe and healthy working conditions for all state and municipal workers



Status: *Signed into law: Chapter 44 of the Acts of 2018*



Senator Marc R. Pacheco

H.1697 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST AS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE WEEK

Directs the Governor to annually proclaim the first week in August as Ice Bucket Challenge Week to raise awareness and funds to fight ALS



Status: *Signed into law: Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2017*



Senator Joan B. Lovely

S.2647 AN ACT RELATIVE TO ABUSIVE PRACTICES TO CHANGE SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY IN MINORS

Bans conversion therapy for minors



Status: *Engrossed by Legislature*



Senator Mark C. Montigny

S.10 ADVANCE THE FAIR SHARE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION BY VOTERS IN THE 2018 STATEWIDE ELECTIONS

Assesses an additional 4% surtax on individual annual income over \$1 million dollars, and requires the legislature to allocate the increased revenue solely for education and transportation purposes



Status: *Rejected by Supreme Judicial Court*

H.4546 AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICTS

Empowers local property owners to establish a non-profit mechanism to improve designated parts of their communities



Status: *Engrossed by Legislature*



Senator Brendan P. Crighton

S.2113 AN ACT RELATIVE TO HEALTHY YOUTH

Ensures that school districts in the Commonwealth that elect to provide their students with sex education provide age-appropriate and medically accurate information that includes topics of abstinence and contraception



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Sal N. DiDomenico

S.2112 AN ACT TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION IN MASSACHUSETTS HIGH SCHOOLS

Provides an innovative mental health curriculum for schools to supplement an existing health education curriculum and promote wellness



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan

APPENDIX

S.2247 AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE UNIFORM FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION TO ACCEPTED APPLICANTS

Requires colleges to offer a financial aid shopping sheet to all full-time students



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Eileen M. Donoghue

S.2607 AN ACT RELATIVE TO STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA

Implements early screening protocols for dyslexia necessary for achieving early literacy and reading proficiency by the 3rd grade



Status: *Signed into law: Chapter 272 of the Acts of 2018*



Senator Barbara A. L'Italien

S.2248 AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ILLEGAL HUNTING PRACTICES

Updates poaching laws, fines and penalties, as well as requiring national reciprocity, where a violation of fish/game law in another state requires loss of that privilege in Massachusetts



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Michael O. Moore

S.2246 AN ACT PROVIDING CONSUMERS WITH EQUAL PROTECTION FOR ALL REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS

Requires all real estate appraisers to be licensed or certified using rigorous national standards



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Cynthia S. Creem

S.2297 AN ACT EXPANDING THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Broadens the course eligibility requirements for the community college training incentive program and supports offerings aimed at closing the skills gap



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Eileen M. Donoghue

S.178 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSMADE PROGRAM

Creates a MassMade program to promote businesses in the Commonwealth and provides a marketing boost for Massachusetts goods



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Eileen M. Donoghue

S.2309 AN ACT PROTECTING HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT INFORMATION

Protects student information at public higher education campuses, including phone numbers, email addresses, and graduation dates



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Michael O. Moore

S.2373 AN ACT RELATIVE TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITIES

Establishes a 5-member mobile home commission that would have the ability to mediate problems between mobile home community residents and the community owner



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Marc R. Pacheco

S.2243 RESOLUTIONS FOR A UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND AMENDMENTS CONVENTION

Calls for Congress to pass a constitutional amendment restricting rights contained in the constitution to natural persons only (i.e. human individuals), to place limits on campaign contributions and expenditures, and to declare spending of money to influence elections as not protected by free speech under the 1st amendment



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator James B. Eldridge

S.2382 AN ACT RELATIVE TO IVORY AND RHINO HORN TRAFFICKING

Bans the possession or sale of ivory or rhinoceros horns



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Jason M. Lewis

S.2555 AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM HARMFUL FLAME RETARDANTS

Prohibits the use of certain flame retardants in children's products or residential upholstered furniture



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Cynthia S. Creem

S.1241 RESOLVE RELATIVE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELOR TASK FORCE

Creates a task force to establish statewide training and certification standards for sexual assault counselors



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Michael O. Moore

S.2362 AN ACT TO REDUCE TRAFFIC FATALITIES

Clarifies safe passing distance around bicycles, pedestrians, utility workers, and first responders, and requires EOPSS to develop a standard analysis tool to report incidents involving such categories



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator William N. Brownsberger

S.2577 AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION

Requires cable providers to allow community access channels to access high-definition broadcasting



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator John F. Keenan

S.2594 AN ACT ELIMINATING ARCHAIC LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Strikes the phrase “mentally retarded” from numerous locations in the Massachusetts General Laws and replaces with the phrase “intellectual or developmental disability”



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Patricia D. Jehlen

S.2621 AN ACT TO REGULATE BODYWORK THERAPY

Amends existing statutes to include bodywork therapy for licensing, sets minimum standards for bodywork licenses, and bans advertisement of bodywork therapy in conjunction with escort or dating services



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Mark C. Montigny

S.2598 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN LAWS COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PROTECTING SURVIVORS OF MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

Enhances training for the identification of victims, provides for broad public awareness campaigns on the dangers of trafficking and resources for victims, increases data collection and sharing to support law enforcement efforts to eliminate trafficking, and creates a sexual exploitation prevention program to rehabilitate first-time offenders



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Mark C. Montigny

S.2644 AN ACT RELATIVE TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING DUES

Protects important collective bargaining rights of unions in response to the U.S. Supreme Court’s Janus decision



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Joseph A. Boncore



Senator Paul R. Feeney

S.2614 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TECHNICAL RESCUE REGIONS AND COORDINATING COUNCIL

Requires the formation of technical rescue regions to provide for the organization and coordination of technical rescue services and training, and establishes a Technical Rescue Coordinating Council to develop uniform standards for the operation of a statewide regional technical rescue services program



Status: *Signed into law: Chapter 217 of the Acts of 2018*



Senator Walter F. Timilty

FY19 BUDGET STATE POLICE OVERSIGHT

Ensures the State Police institute best practices for training, discipline, use of force, emergency planning, communications, and operations by requiring the department achieve accreditation or certification from a recognized accrediting agency; the independent internal audit unit, also created in the FY19 budget, will monitor compliance of this requirement



Status: *Signed into law: Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018*



Senator Michael O. Moore

S.2606 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A REGISTRY OF CARETAKERS FOUND TO HAVE SUBSTANTIATED ABUSE AGAINST PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

Requires the Disabled Persons Protection Commission to establish and maintain a Massachusetts Registry of Abusers of Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and prohibits the Department of Developmental Services or an employer from utilizing the services of a person whose name appears on the registry



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Michael O. Moore

S.2633 AN ACT RELATIVE TO CRITICAL INCIDENT INTERVENTION BY EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS

Requires that information divulged to a critical incident stress management team member during the provision of critical incident stress management team and crisis intervention services be kept confidential, except under certain limited circumstances



Status: *Engrossed by Legislature*



Senator Michael O. Moore

S.2617 AN ACT PROMOTING AWARENESS OF SEWAGE POLLUTION IN PUBLIC WATERS

Requires an entity permitted to discharge pollutants into waters of the Commonwealth to issue a public advisory and notify certain persons and entities when there is a discharge from the permittee's outfall to inform the public about any potential environmental hazard



Status: *Passed by Senate*



Senator Patricia D. Jehlen

