

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2540**

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Senate, June 18, 2025 -- Text of the Senate Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (Senate, No. 2540) (being the text of Senate, No. 2529, printed as amended).

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2025 and to make certain changes in law, each of which is immediately necessary to carry out those appropriations or to accomplish other important public purposes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act  
2 and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2025, the sums set forth in section 2 are hereby  
3 appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in this act or in  
4 those appropriation acts, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this  
5 act or in those appropriation acts, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public  
6 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts  
7 previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be  
8 made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

9	SECTION 2.	
10	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES	
11	1410-0400	Veterans' Benefits .....\$5,800,000
12	OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER	
13	1599-3384	Settlements and Judgments .....\$28,917,460
14	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	
15	1595-1068	Medical Assistance Trust Fund.....\$134,498,420
16	Department of Public Health	
17	4513-1012	Women Infants and Children Program Manufacturer Rebates...\$400,000
18	4590-0912	Western Massachusetts Hospital Retained Revenue.....\$1,200,000
19	Executive Office of Aging and Independence	
20	9110-1630	Home Care Services.....\$60,000,000
21	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES	
22	Office of the Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities	
23	7004-9316	Residential Assistance for Families in Transition.....\$42,910,506
24	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY	
25	State Police	

26	8100-0006	Private Detail Retained Revenue.....	\$7,750,000
27	8100-1004	State Police Crime Laboratory.....	\$4,193,083
28		Military Division	
29	8700-0001	Military Division.....	\$593,539

30 SECTION 2A. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to  
31 provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations, and to meet certain requirements  
32 of law, the sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the General Fund or the  
33 Transitional Escrow Fund established in section 16 of chapter 76 of the acts of 2021, as amended  
34 by section 4 of chapter 98 of the acts of 2022, unless specifically designated otherwise in this  
35 section, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section, and  
36 subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
37 2025. Except as otherwise stated, these sums shall be made available through the fiscal year  
38 ending June 30, 2026.

39 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

40 Office of the Secretary

41 4000-1202 For the distribution of funds for fiscally strained hospitals; provided, that  
42 notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of health and  
43 human services shall direct payments to eligible acute care hospitals in the form of enhanced  
44 Medicaid payments, supplemental payments or other appropriate mechanisms; provided further,  
45 that not less than \$75,000,000 shall be distributed to eligible acute care hospitals licensed under  
46 section 51 of chapter 111 of the General Laws that have: (i) a public payer mix greater than 75

47 per cent, as calculated by the center for health information and analysis according to hospital  
48 fiscal year 2023 data published in its Massachusetts Acute Hospital Profiles Databook; (ii) a  
49 statewide relative price less than 1.0, as calculated by the center for health information and  
50 analysis according to calendar year 2022 data published in its Relative Price and Provider Price  
51 Variation Databook; and (iii) a negative operating margin, as calculated by the center for health  
52 information and analysis according to hospital fiscal year 2023 data published in its  
53 Massachusetts Acute Hospital Profiles Databook; provided further, that not less than  
54 \$50,000,000 shall be distributed to eligible acute care hospitals licensed under said section 51 of  
55 said chapter 111 that have: (a) a public payer mix greater than 63 per cent and not more than 75  
56 per cent, as calculated by the center for health information and analysis according to hospital  
57 fiscal year 2023 data published in its Massachusetts Acute Hospital Profiles Databook; (b) a  
58 statewide relative price less than 1.0, as calculated by the center for health information and  
59 analysis according to calendar year 2022 data published in its Relative Price and Provider Price  
60 Variation Databook; and (c) a negative operating margin, as calculated by the center for health  
61 information and analysis according to hospital fiscal year 2023 data published in its  
62 Massachusetts Acute Hospital Profiles Databook; provided further, that not less than  
63 \$30,000,000 shall be distributed to eligible acute care hospitals licensed under said section 51 of  
64 said chapter 111 that: (1) have a public payer mix greater than 63 per cent, as calculated by the  
65 center for health information and analysis according to hospital fiscal year 2023 data published  
66 in its Massachusetts Acute Hospital Profiles Databook; (2) have a statewide relative price less  
67 than 1.0, as calculated by the center for health information and analysis according to calendar  
68 year 2022 data published in its Relative Price and Provider Price Variation Databook; and (3) are  
69 not otherwise eligible for funding pursuant to the prior provisos; provided further, that not less

70 than \$19,000,000 shall be distributed to eligible acute care hospitals licensed under said section  
71 51 of said chapter 111 that: (A) have a public payer mix greater than 63 per cent, as calculated by  
72 the center for health information and analysis according to hospital fiscal year 2023 data  
73 published in its Massachusetts Acute Hospital Profiles Databook; and (B) are not otherwise  
74 eligible for funding under this item pursuant to prior provisos; provided further, that the total  
75 payment amount to each eligible acute care hospital under this item shall be calculated based on  
76 the total amount available for the group of eligible acute care hospitals multiplied by a fraction,  
77 the numerator of which is the acute care hospital's Medicaid gross patient service revenue as  
78 calculated by the center for health information and analysis according to hospital fiscal year 2023  
79 data published in its Massachusetts Acute Hospital Profiles Databook and the denominator of  
80 which is the total amount of Medicaid gross patient service revenue for the group of acute care  
81 hospitals eligible for said amount available as calculated by the center for health information and  
82 analysis according to hospital fiscal year 2023 data published in its Massachusetts Acute  
83 Hospital Profiles Databook; provided further, that said payments shall not be used in subsequent  
84 years by the executive office to calculate any other payment to eligible acute care hospitals;  
85 provided further, that said payments shall not offset existing Medicaid or other state payments  
86 which an eligible acute care hospital may be qualified to receive; provided further, that the  
87 secretary of health and human services may require as a condition of receiving payment under  
88 this item any reasonable condition of payment that the secretary determines necessary to ensure  
89 the availability, to the extent possible, of federal financial participation for the payments, and the  
90 executive office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify amounts for payment in  
91 anticipation of expected receipt of federal financial participation for the payments; provided  
92 further, that the executive office may promulgate regulations as necessary to implement this

93 item; provided further, that not later than March 2, 2026, the executive office shall submit a  
94 report to the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on  
95 ways and means detailing: (I) the schedule of payments to hospitals under this item delineated by  
96 acute care hospital, hospital system and payment amount; and (II) each hospital's intended use of  
97 funds provided under this item; and provided further, that eligible acute care hospitals shall  
98 provide the executive office with information necessary for the report.....\$174,000,000

99           4000-1998     For the distribution of funds for fiscally strained community health  
100 centers; provided, that for the purposes of this item, "eligible community health center" shall be  
101 defined as any entity receiving funding pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 254b that demonstrates  
102 significant financial need based on criteria established by the secretary of health and human  
103 services in consultation with The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Inc.;

104 provided further, that not less than \$2,500,000 shall be expended to The Massachusetts League  
105 of Community Health Centers, Inc. for enhanced technical assistance including, but not limited  
106 to, the facilitation of shared service agreements; provided further, that notwithstanding any  
107 general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of health and human services shall  
108 direct payments to eligible community health centers in the form of enhanced Medicaid  
109 payments, supplemental payments or other appropriate mechanisms; provided further, that said  
110 payments shall not be used in subsequent years by the executive office to calculate any other  
111 payment to eligible community health centers; provided further, that such payments shall not  
112 offset existing Medicaid or other state payments which an eligible community health center may  
113 be qualified to receive; provided further, that the secretary may require as a condition of  
114 receiving payment any such reasonable condition of payment that the secretary determines  
115 necessary to ensure the availability, to the extent possible, of federal financial participation for

116 the payments and the executive office may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify  
117 amounts for payment in anticipation of expected receipt of federal financial participation for the  
118 payments; and provided further, that the executive office may promulgate regulations as  
119 necessary to implement this item.....\$35,000,000

120 Department of Transitional Assistance

121 4400-1033 For the costs associated with the transition to chipped electronic benefits  
122 transfer cards by the department of transitional assistance; provided, that at the direction of the  
123 commissioner of transitional assistance, funds may be transferred from this item to item 4400-  
124 1000 of section 2 of the general appropriations act for fiscal years 2025, 2026 or 2027; provided  
125 further, that any unexpended funds available after the completion of the transition to chipped  
126 electronic benefits transfer cards shall be expended on reimbursements to clients who have had  
127 their federal supplemental nutrition assistance program payments stolen through electronic  
128 benefit transfer card skimming, card cloning or other similar fraudulent electronically-based  
129 method; and provided further, that funds appropriated in this item shall be made available for  
130 these purposes through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.....\$15,500,000

131 Department of Public Health

132 4510-0794 For grants to reimburse municipalities for extraordinary emergency  
133 medical service costs; provided, that funds in this item shall be administered by the department  
134 of public health and shall be reimbursed based on eligibility criteria established by the  
135 department; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be distributed as grants to the  
136 fire departments in the towns of Ashby, Ayer, Boxborough, Groton, Harvard, Littleton,  
137 Lunenburg, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend, Westford, the city of Leominster and the Devens fire

138 department established pursuant to chapter 498 of the acts of 1993; provided further, that said  
139 funds shall be distributed based on criteria established by the department that shall consider the  
140 following: (i) the proportional share of emergency medical call volume among the departments  
141 eligible for these funds; (ii) the increased distance travelled to the nearest emergency department  
142 caused by the closure of Nashoba Valley Medical Center; and (iii) increased overtime costs  
143 incurred by the departments eligible for these funds; provided further, that not later than  
144 December 13, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on  
145 ways and means which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the expenditures and planned  
146 expenditures from this item delineated by recipient; and provided further, that funds in this item  
147 shall be made available until June 30, 2027.....\$10,000,000

148 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

149 Office of the Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities

150 1595-1779 For a transfer to the Fair Housing Fund established in section 2JJJJJ of  
151 chapter 29 of the General Laws.....\$1,000,000

152 SECTION 3. Section 65 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
153 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

154 There shall be a Senate Artistic Upgrade and Representation Fund, which shall be used,  
155 without further appropriation, for purposes, including, but not limited to, upgrading and restoring  
156 historical and artistic qualities of quarters in the state house used by the members of the senate  
157 and its employees. The chief financial officer of the senate shall administer the fund. The fund  
158 shall consist of appropriations authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be  
159 credited to the fund; provided, however, that items authorized to be transferred under section 7M



160 of chapter 29 may be transferred to the fund by the chief financial officer of the senate. The fund  
161 shall not be subject to section 13A of said chapter 29 and any unexpended balance in the fund at  
162 the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure  
163 in subsequent fiscal years. An accounting of all fund activity shall be reported in the annual  
164 fiscal year audit conducted pursuant to applicable senate rules.

165 SECTION 4. Section 40 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
166 amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

167 (d) The boards of trustees for each state-operated veterans' home may receive donations  
168 to benefit state-operated veterans' homes and the state treasurer shall receive, deposit and invest  
169 all such donations. The trustees may expend the donated funds for the direct benefit of the  
170 veterans who reside in the state-operated veterans' homes, acting as fiduciaries with the care,  
171 skill and diligence that a prudent person would use.

172 SECTION 5. Chapter 6D of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
173 6, as appearing in section 5 of chapter 342 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the  
174 following section:-

175 Section 6. (a) Each acute hospital, ambulatory surgical center, pharmaceutical  
176 manufacturing company and pharmacy benefit manager shall pay to the commonwealth an  
177 amount for the estimated expenses of the commission.

178 (b) The assessed amount for acute hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers shall be not  
179 less than 30 per cent nor more than 40 per cent of the amount appropriated by the general court  
180 for the expenses of the commission minus amounts collected from: (i) filing fees; (ii) fees and  
181 charges generated by the commission; and (iii) federal matching revenues received for these

182 expenses or received retroactively for expenses of predecessor agencies. Each acute hospital and  
183 ambulatory surgical center shall pay such assessed amount multiplied by the ratio of the acute  
184 hospital's and ambulatory surgical center's gross patient service revenues to the total gross  
185 patient service revenues of all such hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. Each acute  
186 hospital and ambulatory surgical center shall make a preliminary payment to the commission on  
187 October 1 of each year in an amount equal to 1/2 of the previous year's total assessment.  
188 Thereafter, each acute hospital and ambulatory surgical center shall pay, within 30 days' notice  
189 from the commission, the balance of the total assessment for the current year based upon its most  
190 current projected gross patient service revenue. The commission shall subsequently adjust the  
191 assessment for any variation in actual and estimated expenses of the commission and for changes  
192 in acute hospital and ambulatory surgical center gross patient service revenue. Such estimated  
193 and actual expenses shall include an amount equal to the cost of fringe benefits and indirect  
194 expenses, as established by the comptroller under section 5D of chapter 29. In the event of late  
195 payment by any such acute hospital or ambulatory surgical center, the treasurer shall advance the  
196 amount of due and unpaid funds to the commission prior to the receipt of such monies in  
197 anticipation of such revenues up to the amount authorized in the then current budget attributable  
198 to such assessments and the commission shall reimburse the treasurer for such advances upon  
199 receipt of such revenues. This section shall not apply to any state institution or to any acute  
200 hospital which is operated by a city or town.

201 (c) To the maximum extent permissible under federal law, and provided that such  
202 assessment will not result in any reduction of federal financial participation in Medicaid, the  
203 assessed amount for pharmaceutical manufacturing companies shall be not less than 5 per cent  
204 nor more than 10 per cent of the amount appropriated by the general court for the expenses of the

205 commission minus amounts collected from: (i) filing fees; (ii) fees and charges generated by the  
206 commission; and (iii) federal matching revenues received for these expenses or received  
207 retroactively for expenses of predecessor agencies. As calculated using information from  
208 MassHealth and the all-payer claims database, each pharmaceutical manufacturing company  
209 shall pay such assessed amount multiplied by the ratio of total outpatient prescription drug  
210 spending of the manufacturer in the commonwealth to the total outpatient prescription drug  
211 spending of all manufacturers within the commonwealth.

212 (d) To the maximum extent permissible under federal law, and provided that such  
213 assessment will not result in any reduction of federal financial participation in Medicaid, the  
214 assessed amount for pharmacy benefit managers shall be not less than 5 per cent nor more than  
215 10 per cent of the amount appropriated by the general court for the expenses of the commission  
216 minus amounts collected from: (i) filing fees; (ii) fees and charges generated by the commission;  
217 and (iii) federal matching revenues received for these expenses or received retroactively for  
218 expenses of predecessor agencies. Each pharmacy benefit manager shall pay such assessed  
219 amount multiplied by the ratio of the claims paid by the pharmacy benefit manager attributed to  
220 residents of the commonwealth for whom it manages pharmaceutical benefits on behalf of  
221 carriers to the total of all such claims paid by all pharmacy benefit managers attributed to  
222 residents of the commonwealth for whom they manage pharmaceutical benefits on behalf of  
223 carriers.

224 (e) Each pharmaceutical manufacturing company and each pharmacy benefit manager  
225 shall make a preliminary payment to the commission annually on October 1 in an amount equal  
226 to 1/2 of the previous year's total assessment. Thereafter, each pharmaceutical manufacturing  
227 company and each pharmacy benefit manager shall pay, within 30 days of receiving notice from

228 the commission, the balance of the total assessment for the current year as determined by the  
229 commission.

230 SECTION 6. Section 61 of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
231 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 132, the words “March 15” and  
232 inserting in place thereof the following words:- June 1.

233 SECTION 7. Chapter 12C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
234 7, as appearing in section 21 of chapter 342 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the  
235 following section:-

236 Section 7. (a) Each acute hospital, ambulatory surgical center, pharmaceutical  
237 manufacturing company and pharmacy benefit manager, shall pay to the commonwealth an  
238 amount for the estimated expenses of the center and for the other purposes described in this  
239 chapter which shall include any transfer made to the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust  
240 Fund established in section 2TTTT of chapter 29.

241 (b) The assessed amount for acute hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers shall be not  
242 less than 30 per cent nor more than 40 per cent of the amount appropriated by the general court  
243 for the expenses of the center and for the other purposes described in this chapter which shall  
244 include any transfer made to the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund established in  
245 section 2TTTT of chapter 29 minus amounts collected from: (i) filing fees; (ii) fees and charges  
246 generated by the center’s publication or dissemination of reports and information; and (iii)  
247 federal matching revenues received for these expenses or received retroactively for expenses of  
248 predecessor agencies. Each acute hospital and ambulatory surgical center shall pay such assessed  
249 amount multiplied by the ratio of the acute hospital’s or ambulatory surgical center's gross

250 patient service revenues to the total gross patient services revenues of all such hospitals and  
251 ambulatory surgical centers. Each acute hospital and ambulatory surgical center shall make a  
252 preliminary payment to the center on October 1 of each year in an amount equal to 1/2 of the  
253 previous year's total assessment. Thereafter, each acute hospital and ambulatory surgical center  
254 shall pay, within 30 days' notice from the center, the balance of the total assessment for the  
255 current year based upon its most current projected gross patient service revenue. The center shall  
256 subsequently adjust the assessment for any variation in actual and estimated expenses of the  
257 center and for changes in acute hospital and ambulatory surgical center gross patient service  
258 revenue. Such estimated and actual expenses shall include an amount equal to the cost of fringe  
259 benefits and indirect expenses, as established by the comptroller under section 5D of chapter 29.  
260 In the event of late payment by any such acute hospital or ambulatory surgical center, the  
261 treasurer shall advance the amount of due and unpaid funds to the center prior to the receipt of  
262 such monies in anticipation of such revenues up to the amount authorized in the then current  
263 budget attributable to such assessments and the center shall reimburse the treasurer for such  
264 advances upon receipt of such revenues. This section shall not apply to any state institution or to  
265 any acute hospital which is operated by a city or town.

266 (c) To the maximum extent permissible under federal law, and provided that such  
267 assessment will not result in any reduction of federal financial participation in Medicaid, the  
268 assessed amount for pharmaceutical manufacturing companies shall be not less than 5 per cent  
269 nor more than 10 per cent of the amount appropriated by the general court for the expenses of the  
270 center minus amounts collected from: (i) filing fees; (ii) fees and charges generated by the  
271 center's publication or dissemination of reports and information; and (iii) federal matching  
272 revenues received for these expenses or received retroactively for expenses of predecessor

273 agencies. As calculated using information from MassHealth and the all-payer claims database,  
274 each pharmaceutical manufacturing company shall pay such assessed amount multiplied by the  
275 ratio of total outpatient prescription drug spending of the manufacturer in the commonwealth to  
276 the total outpatient prescription drug spending of all manufacturers within the commonwealth.

277 (d) To the maximum extent permissible under federal law, and provided that such  
278 assessment will not result in any reduction of federal financial participation in Medicaid, the  
279 assessed amount for pharmacy benefit managers shall be not less than 5 per cent nor more than  
280 10 per cent of the amount appropriated by the general court for the expenses of the center minus  
281 amounts collected from: (i) filing fees; (ii) fees and charges generated by the center's publication  
282 or dissemination of reports and information; and (iii) federal matching revenues received for  
283 these expenses or received retroactively for expenses of predecessor agencies. Each pharmacy  
284 benefit manager shall pay such assessed amount multiplied by the ratio of the claims paid by the  
285 pharmacy benefit manager attributed to residents of the commonwealth for whom it manages  
286 pharmaceutical benefits on behalf of carriers to the total of all such claims paid by all pharmacy  
287 benefit managers attributed to residents of the commonwealth for whom they manage  
288 pharmaceutical benefits on behalf of carriers.

289 (e) Each pharmaceutical manufacturing company and each pharmacy benefit manager  
290 shall make a preliminary payment to the center annually on October 1 in an amount equal to 1/2  
291 of the previous year's total assessment. Thereafter, each pharmaceutical manufacturing company  
292 and each pharmacy benefit manager shall pay, within 30 days' notice from the center, the  
293 balance of the total assessment for the current year as determined by the center.

294 SECTION 8. Subsection (b) of section 5L of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as so  
295 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after clause (2) the following clause:-

296 (3) steals food stamp benefits using an unauthorized electronic or other intercept device.

297 SECTION 9. Paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of section 13V of chapter 23A of the  
298 General Laws, as inserted by section 42 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by  
299 striking out the words “15 members: 3 past or current members of the house of representatives, 2  
300 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and 1 of whom shall  
301 be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 3 past or current members of  
302 the senate, 2” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- members: 5 past or current  
303 members of the house of representatives, 4 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the  
304 house of representatives and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
305 representatives; 5 past or current members of the senate, 4.

306 SECTION 10. Section 16 of chapter 23D of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
307 striking out, in line 2, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, the words “Growth Capital  
308 Corporation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Development Finance Agency

309 SECTION 11. Section 1 of chapter 23G of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
310 striking out the definition of “Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation”, inserted by section 51  
311 of chapter 238 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

312 “Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation”, the Massachusetts Growth Capital  
313 Corporation, the power, functions, assets and liabilities of which have been merged into the  
314 Massachusetts Development Finance Agency.

315 SECTION 12. Subsection (l) of section 2 of said chapter 23G, as most recently amended  
316 by section 55 of chapter 238 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by striking out the  
317 first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The agency shall be the  
318 successor to the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation.

319 SECTION 13. Said section 2 of said chapter 23G, as so amended, is hereby further  
320 amended by striking out subsection (m).

321 SECTION 14. Section 3 of said chapter 23G is hereby amended by striking out clause  
322 (36), as appearing in section 56 of chapter 238 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof  
323 the following clause:-

324 (36) to borrow money by the issuance of debt obligations whether tax exempt or taxable  
325 and secure such obligations by the pledge of its revenues or the revenues, mortgages and notes of  
326 others;

327 SECTION 15. Said section 3 of said chapter 23G is hereby further amended by striking  
328 out, in line 236, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, the words “, to administer trusts”.

329 SECTION 16. Section 8 of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
330 inserting after the word “directors”, in line 134, the following words:- or a duly authorized  
331 committee of the board.

332 SECTION 17. Section 29A of said chapter 23G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
333 striking out, in line 221, the words “convene on a monthly basis in order to”.



334 SECTION 18. Subsection (b) of section 48 of said chapter 23G, added by section 58 of  
335 chapter 238 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out, the word “corporation”, the  
336 first time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- agency.

337 SECTION 19. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
338 section 2JJJJJ the following section:-

339 Section 2KKKKKK. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the  
340 commonwealth a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Office of the  
341 Inspector General Recovery Fund, which shall be administered by the inspector general. The  
342 fund shall be credited with any money payable to the inspector general from civil recoveries,  
343 settlement funds or recoupment of administrative and investigatory costs and any interest earned  
344 from money in the fund.

345 (b) Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, for the  
346 office of the inspector general’s operational, administrative and investigatory purposes.

347 (c) The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the  
348 General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure  
349 made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point.

350 (d) Annually, not later than January 1, the office of the inspector general shall report to  
351 the house and senate committees on ways and means on disbursements from the fund and the  
352 balance of the fund.

353 SECTION 20. Section 39M of chapter 30 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
354 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 21, 54, 57, 63, 66 and 154, the figure  
355 “\$50,000” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$75,000.

356 SECTION 21. Said section 39M of said chapter 30, as so appearing, is hereby further  
357 amended by striking out, in line 67, the figure “\$150,000” and inserting in place thereof the  
358 following figure:- \$250,000.

359 SECTION 22. Section 39R of said chapter 30, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
360 striking out, in lines 10 and 17, the words “one hundred thousand dollars” and inserting in place  
361 thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$250,000.

362 SECTION 23. The definition of “Public service corporation” in section 1A of chapter  
363 40A of the General Laws, inserted by section 36 of chapter 239 of the acts of 2024, is hereby  
364 amended by striking out the words “facilities including pipelines” and inserting in place thereof  
365 the following words:- facilities, including pipelines.

366 SECTION 24. Section 64A of chapter 60 of the General Laws, as inserted by section 93  
367 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “14” and  
368 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 30.

369 SECTION 25. Section 68 of said chapter 60, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is  
370 hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the word “sixteen” and inserting in place thereof the  
371 following figure:- 8.

372 SECTION 26. Section 7I of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
373 amended by inserting after the word “vehicles”, in line 8, the following words:- and vehicles  
374 operated by the Massachusetts emergency management agency.

375 SECTION 27. Section 1 of chapter 90F of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
376 amended by striking out, in line 65, the words “(49 App. USC 1801 et seq.) and” and inserting in  
377 place thereof the following words:- , 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq., and.

378 SECTION 28. Section 4 of said chapter 90F, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
379 striking out, in line 17, the words “of from \$2,750 to \$11,000 inclusive” and inserting in place  
380 thereof the following words:- pursuant to subsection (b)(2) of Appendix B to 49 C.F.R. 386.

381 SECTION 29. Said section 4 of said chapter 90F, as so appearing, is hereby further  
382 amended by striking out, in lines 22 and 23, the words “of not more than \$10,000” and inserting  
383 in place thereof the following words:- pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of Appendix B to 49 C.F.R.  
384 386.

385 SECTION 30. Section 9 of said chapter 90F is hereby amended by striking out paragraph  
386 (D), as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

387 (D) Any person shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life  
388 for: (i) using a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of any felony involving the  
389 manufacture, distribution or dispensing of a controlled substance or possession with intent to  
390 manufacture, distribute or dispense a controlled substance; or (ii) using a commercial motor  
391 vehicle in the commission of any felony involving trafficking in persons or organs as prohibited  
392 by sections 50, 51 or 53 of chapter 265 or any felony involving an act or practice of severe forms  
393 of trafficking in persons, as defined in 22 U.S.C. 7102(11).

394 SECTION 31. Said section 9 of said chapter 90F is hereby further amended by striking  
395 out, in lines 66 and 67, as so appearing, the words “of not less than \$1,100 and not more than  
396 \$2,750” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- pursuant to subsection (b)(1) of  
397 Appendix B to 49 C.F.R. 386.

398 SECTION 32. Section 19F of chapter 94C of the General Laws, inserted by section 42 of  
399 chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in  
400 place thereof the following subsection:-

401 (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a registered pharmacist  
402 may: (i) prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral  
403 hormonal contraceptives to any person, regardless of whether the person has evidence of a  
404 previous prescription from a primary care practitioner or reproductive health care practitioner for  
405 a hormonal contraceptive patch or self-administered oral hormonal contraceptive; and (ii)  
406 prescribe, dispense and administer medications used for the treatment and prevention of human  
407 immunodeficiency virus and sexually transmitted infections as defined by the department.

408 SECTION 33. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
409 following section:-

410 Section 249. (a) For the purposes of this section, the definitions in section 1 of chapter  
411 94C shall apply unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

412 (b) At the commissioner’s discretion, the department may authorize a pharmacy operated  
413 by the department to distribute controlled substances to health care providers and entities legally  
414 authorized to administer, possess, distribute, deliver or dispense controlled substances for the  
415 benefit of any person, whether or not the person is under the custody, care or supervision of an

416 agency of the commonwealth and in accordance with applicable law, including, but not limited  
417 to, applicable controlled substances registration requirements; provided, however, that such  
418 controlled substances shall be: (i) related to the provision of reproductive health care or gender-  
419 affirming health care services, as defined in section 11I½ of chapter 12; or (ii) distributed to  
420 ensure access to controlled substances needed to provide treatment in the event of a public health  
421 emergency declared pursuant to section 2A of chapter 17; and provided further, that in exercising  
422 the authority granted under this section, the department shall be exempt from obtaining a  
423 pharmacy license in accordance with section 39 of chapter 112.

424 SECTION 34. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out  
425 section 6, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following  
426 section:-

427 Section 6. (a) There shall be a MassHealth program advisory committee to advise the  
428 executive office on matters of concern related to policy development and matters related to  
429 effective program administration. The assistant secretary for MassHealth or a designee shall  
430 select members for the advisory committee on a rotating and continuous basis in such numbers  
431 and for such terms as the executive office deems appropriate.

432 (b) The MassHealth program advisory committee shall include at a minimum: (i) 1  
433 member of the MassHealth member advisory committee; (ii) 1 member of a state or local  
434 consumer group or other community-based organization that represents the interests of, or  
435 provides direct services to, MassHealth beneficiaries; (iii) 1 clinical provider or administrator  
436 who is familiar with the health and social needs of MassHealth beneficiaries and with the  
437 resources available and required for their care, including, but not limited to, providers or

438 administrators of primary care, specialty care and long-term care; (iv) as applicable, 1 member of  
439 a Medicaid-participating managed care entity, including, but not limited to, managed care  
440 organizations, accountable care partnership plans, primary care accountable care organizations,  
441 one care plans, senior care options plans, the behavioral health vendor or the primary care  
442 clinician plan; and (v) 1 member of any other state agency that serves MassHealth beneficiaries,  
443 who shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member.

444 (c) The executive office shall provide the committee with such staff and technical  
445 assistance as necessary to enable the committee to make effective recommendations and such  
446 financial arrangements as necessary to make possible the participation of recipient members.

447 (d) Annually, not later than October 1, the office of Medicaid shall report to the joint  
448 committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means on  
449 the activities of the MassHealth program advisory committee in the previous fiscal year. The  
450 report shall include, but shall not be limited to, the names and titles of committee members, dates  
451 of committee meetings, agendas and minutes or notes from such meetings and any  
452 correspondence, memorandum, recommendations or other product of the committee's work.  
453 MassHealth member advisory committee members shall have the option to omit their names  
454 from the report.

455 SECTION 35. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by striking out section 9F, as  
456 so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

457 Section 9F. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following  
458 meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise,:

459 “Dually eligible” or “dually eligible individual”, a person who is not less than 21 years of  
460 age and not more than 65 years of age at the time of enrollment in a dual eligible managed care  
461 organization and who is enrolled in both Medicare and MassHealth.

462 “Dual eligible managed care organization”, a comprehensive network of medical, health  
463 care and long-term services and supports providers that integrates all components of care, either  
464 directly or through subcontracts, and has been contracted with by the executive office to provide  
465 services to dually eligible individuals under this section.

466 (b) The secretary of health and human services may establish, subject to appropriation, all  
467 required federal approvals and agreements and the availability of federal financial participation,  
468 a health care program for dually eligible individuals, aged 21 to 64 at the time of enrollment,  
469 who are dually eligible for benefits under MassHealth Standard or CommonHealth and Medicare  
470 under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act and who do not have any additional comprehensive  
471 health coverage. Under the program, the executive office may contract to provide integrated,  
472 comprehensive Medicaid and Medicare services, including medical, behavioral health and long-  
473 term support services for a capitated payment.

474 (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and  
475 human services may review a request for financial solvency certification by a care delivery  
476 organization based in the commonwealth applying to serve as a Medicare plan caring for  
477 residents who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. Upon determination that  
478 appropriate financial standards, which may be the standards already in place for organizations  
479 with contracts pursuant to this section, have been met, the secretary of health and human services

480 shall so certify to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services. The secretary of health and  
481 human services may require the requesting organization to pay a reasonable certification fee.

482 (d) Members of the MassHealth managed care program integrating care for dually  
483 eligible individuals shall be provided an independent community care coordinator by the dual  
484 eligible managed care organization, who shall be a participant in the member's care team. The  
485 community care coordinator shall assist in the development of a long-term support and services  
486 care plan. The community care coordinator shall: (i) participate in initial and ongoing  
487 assessments of the health and functional status of the member, including determining  
488 appropriateness for long-term care support and services, either in the form of institutional or  
489 community-based care plans and related service packages necessary to improve or maintain  
490 enrollee health and functional status; (ii) arrange and, with the agreement of the member and the  
491 care team, coordinate appropriate institutional and community long-term supports and services,  
492 including assistance with the activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living,  
493 housing, home-delivered meals, transportation and, under specific conditions or circumstances  
494 established by the dual eligible managed care organization, authorize a range and amount of  
495 community-based services; and (iii) monitor the appropriate provision and functional outcomes  
496 of community long-term care services, according to the service plan as deemed appropriate by  
497 the member and the care team, and track member satisfaction and the appropriate provision and  
498 functional outcomes of community long-term care services, according to the service plan as  
499 deemed appropriate by the member and the care team.

500 (e) The dual eligible managed care organization shall not have a direct or indirect  
501 financial ownership interest in an entity that serves as an independent care coordinator. Providers  
502 of institutional or community based long-term services and supports on a compensated basis



503 shall not function as an independent care coordinator; provided, however, that the secretary may  
504 grant a waiver permitting a provider of institutional or community based long-term services and  
505 supports on a compensated basis to function as an independent care coordinator upon a finding  
506 that public necessity and convenience require such a waiver. For the purposes of this section, an  
507 organization compensated to provide only evaluation, assessment, coordination, skills training,  
508 peer support and fiscal intermediary services shall not be considered a provider of long term  
509 services and supports.

510 SECTION 36. Section 10H1/2 of said chapter 118E, inserted by section 2 of chapter 388  
511 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in  
512 place thereof the following paragraph:-

513 The division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance  
514 organizations, behavioral health management firms and third-party administrators under contract  
515 to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan shall provide coverage  
516 for the treatment of Down syndrome through medically necessary speech therapy, occupational  
517 therapy, physical therapy and, for individuals not more than 21 years of age, applied behavior  
518 analysis services.

519 SECTION 37. The definition of “Center for health information and analysis revenue  
520 amount” in section 64 of said chapter 118E, as appearing in section 29 of chapter 342 of the acts  
521 of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out the words “, ambulatory surgical centers and non-  
522 hospital provider organizations” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and  
523 ambulatory surgical centers.

524 SECTION 38. The definition of “Health policy commission revenue amount” in said  
525 section 64 of said chapter 118E, as appearing in section 30 of chapter 342 of the acts of 2024, is  
526 hereby amended by striking out the words “, ambulatory surgical centers and non-hospital  
527 provider organizations” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and ambulatory  
528 surgical centers.

529 SECTION 39. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by adding the following  
530 section:-

531 Section 87. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive  
532 office may directly pay state agencies, including county correctional facilities and department of  
533 correction facilities operated by such state agencies, for claims related to Medicaid under Title  
534 XIX of the Social Security Act, the Children’s Health Insurance Program under Title XXI of the  
535 Social Security Act, the health safety net office under sections 64 to 69, inclusive, the Children’s  
536 Medical Security Plan established pursuant to section 10F and other similar healthcare programs;  
537 provided, however, that such state agencies meet all applicable conditions of participation in said  
538 programs, as determined by the executive office in its sole discretion.

539 SECTION 40. Section 131M of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in section  
540 71 of chapter 135 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (e)  
541 and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

542 (e) This section shall not apply to transfer or possession by: (i) a qualified law  
543 enforcement officer or a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in the Law  
544 Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, 18 U.S.C. sections 926B and 926C, respectively, as  
545 amended; (ii) a law enforcement officer as defined in section 1 of chapter 6E who is currently

546 certified or recertified pursuant to section 4 of said chapter 6E; (iii) a federal, state or local law  
547 enforcement agency; or (iv) a federally licensed manufacturer solely for sale or transfer in  
548 another state or for export.

549 SECTION 41. Section 29 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
550 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the figure “\$25,000” and inserting  
551 in place thereof the following figure:- \$50,000.

552 SECTION 42. Section 44A of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
553 striking out, in lines 61, 80, 84 and 100, the figure “\$50,000” and inserting in place thereof, in  
554 each instance, the following figure:- \$75,000.

555 SECTION 43. Said section 44A of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby further  
556 amended by striking out, in lines 101 and 112, the figure “\$150,000” and inserting in place  
557 thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$250,000.

558 SECTION 44. Section 44F of said chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
559 striking out, in lines 6 and 42, the figure “\$25,000” and inserting in place thereof, in each  
560 instance, the following figure:- \$50,000.

561 SECTION 45. Section 63 of chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
562 inserting after the word “thereof”, in line 398, as so appearing, the following words: - or shares  
563 of an exchange-traded fund.

564 SECTION 46. Said section 63 of said chapter 175 is hereby further amended by inserting  
565 after the word “money”, in line 402, as so appearing, the following words:- or shares of an  
566 exchange-traded fund.

567 SECTION 47. Subsection (j) of section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as most  
568 recently amended by section 123 of chapter 135 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended  
569 by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

570 Whoever, not being a qualified law enforcement officer, a qualified retired law  
571 enforcement officer, as defined in the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, 18 U.S.C.  
572 sections 926B and 926C, respectively, as amended, or a law enforcement officer as defined in  
573 section 1 of chapter 6E who is currently certified or recertified pursuant to section 4 of said  
574 chapter 6E and notwithstanding any license obtained by the person pursuant to chapter 140,  
575 carries on the person a firearm, loaded or unloaded, or other dangerous weapon in any building  
576 or on the grounds of any elementary or secondary school, college or university, including  
577 transport used for students of said institution without the written authorization of the board or  
578 officer in charge of the elementary or secondary school, college or university shall be punished  
579 by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or both. A  
580 qualified law enforcement officer or a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in the  
581 Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, 18 U.S.C. sections 926B and 926C, respectively,  
582 as amended, or a law enforcement officer as defined in section 1 of chapter 6E who is currently  
583 certified or recertified pursuant to section 4 of said chapter 6E may arrest without a warrant and  
584 detain a person found carrying a firearm in violation of this paragraph.

585 SECTION 48. Subsection (k) of said section 10 of said chapter 269, inserted by section  
586 124 of chapter 135 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (5) and  
587 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

588 (5) This subsection shall not apply to a law enforcement officer as defined in section 1 of  
589 chapter 6E who is currently certified or recertified pursuant to section 4 of said chapter 6E, a  
590 qualified law enforcement officer or a qualified retired law enforcement officer as defined in the  
591 Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, 18 U.S.C. sections 926B and 926C, respectively,  
592 as amended or to a security guard employed at the prohibited area while at the location of their  
593 employment and during the course of their employment. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit the  
594 authority of any municipality, county or department, division, commission, board, agency or  
595 court of the commonwealth to adopt policies further restricting the possession of firearms in  
596 areas under their control.

597 SECTION 49. Section 67 of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by  
598 striking out the figure “2025”, as inserted by section 33 of chapter 248 of the acts of 2024, and  
599 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “2026”.

600 SECTION 50. Subsection (d) of section 81 of chapter 179 of the acts of 2022 is hereby  
601 amended by striking out paragraphs (5) and (6), as appearing in section 103 of chapter 239 of the  
602 acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the following 2 paragraphs:-

603 (5) Not later than 12 months after the completion of each assessment, each electric  
604 distribution company may submit to the department of public utilities its plan and an application  
605 to revise its rates to account for the additional distribution infrastructure included in the plan  
606 pursuant to paragraph (4). The application shall include: (i) testimony that explains how the  
607 application is consistent with the plan pursuant to said paragraph (4); (ii) an explanation of the  
608 need for each distribution infrastructure investment; (iii) supporting documentation  
609 demonstrating that the actual or estimated costs for each distribution infrastructure investment

610 are reasonable; and (iv) the actual or estimated in-service date of the distribution infrastructure  
611 investment. Such application shall be preliminarily approved by the department of public utilities  
612 not later than 6 months after submission; provided, however, that the requested rate revision is  
613 consistent with the department's practices and incremental costs are not otherwise accounted for  
614 in the electric distribution company's existing rates. The department's review of such application  
615 shall not be construed as a prudence review. The electric distribution company's application shall  
616 be deemed approved if the department does not act within 6 months after the application is  
617 submitted.

618 (6) The department of public utilities shall review the additional distribution  
619 infrastructure investments planned pursuant to paragraph (4) during the next general rate case of  
620 the electric distribution company. Each electric distribution company shall be entitled to cost  
621 recovery of such infrastructure investments where the electric distribution company  
622 demonstrates: (i) how it evaluated advanced transmission technologies, energy storage, other  
623 infrastructure investments and alternatives other than infrastructure investments to satisfy  
624 projected demand; (ii) that the proposed infrastructure investments were cost effective compared  
625 with the alternatives, provide net benefits for customers and meet the criteria enumerated in  
626 clauses (i) to (vi), inclusive, of subsection (a) of said section 92B of said chapter 164; and (iii)  
627 that the expenses are incremental to the costs already recovered through base distribution rates or  
628 recovered through reconciling mechanisms. The department may, as necessary, require  
629 customers to be credited for any change in rates made pursuant to paragraph (5) with interest.

630 SECTION 51. Section 82 of said chapter 179, as appearing in section 105 of chapter 239  
631 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended, by striking out the figure “2025” and inserting  
632 place thereof the following figure:- 2027.

633 SECTION 52. Item 2000-0100 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023, as amended  
634 by section 61 of chapter 248 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by inserting after the  
635 word “county” the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2025.

636 SECTION 53. Item 4000-0300 of said section 2 of said chapter 28 is hereby amended by  
637 striking out the figure “2025”, as inserted by section 79 of chapter 248 of the acts of 2024, and  
638 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “2026”.

639 SECTION 54. Item 0910-0210 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby  
640 amended by adding the following words:- ; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or  
641 special law to the contrary, funds may be collected in the prior fiscal year for service programs or  
642 activities delivered during the next fiscal year; and provided further, that any unspent balance at  
643 the close of the current fiscal year up to the limit established under this item shall remain in the  
644 account and may be expended for the purposes of this item in the following fiscal year.

645 SECTION 55. Item 2000-0100 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
646 by adding the following words:- and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

647 SECTION 56. Item 2511-0107 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
648 by inserting after the words “Essex county” the following words:- and for expenses related to  
649 opening and operating the Seacoast Regional Food Hub, located in the town of Salisbury, serving  
650 the Lower Merrimack Valley Food Coalition and such funds shall be made available until June  
651 30, 2026.

652 SECTION 57. Item 4513-1012 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
653 by striking out the figure “\$27,400,000”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in  
654 each instance, the following figure:- \$27,800,000.

655 SECTION 58. Item 4590-0912 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
656 by striking out the figure “\$27,995,640”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in  
657 each instance, the following figure:- \$29,195,640.

658 SECTION 59. Item 8100-0006 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
659 by striking out the figure “\$37,250,000”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in  
660 each instance, the following figure:- \$45,000,000.

661 SECTION 60. Item 9110-1630 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended  
662 by adding the following words:- ; and provided further, that the secretary of aging and  
663 independence may transfer funds between items 9110-0600, 9110-1630 and 9110-1633.

664 SECTION 61. Item 1595-1068 of section 2E of said chapter 140, as most recently  
665 amended by section 127 of chapter 248 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by striking  
666 out the figure “\$444,250,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$539,980,000.

667 SECTION 62. Said item 1595-1068 of said section 2E of said chapter 140, as so  
668 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure “\$837,827,000” and inserting in  
669 place thereof the following figure:- \$972,235,420.

670 SECTION 63. Section 217 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by striking out the  
671 figure “2025” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2026.

672 SECTION 64. Subsection (d) of section 126 of chapter 150 of the acts of 2024 is hereby  
673 amended by striking out the words “June 30” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
674 December 31.



675 SECTION 65. Item 7002-1523 of section 2 of chapter 238 of the acts of 2024 is hereby  
676 amended by striking out the words “developed with the assistance of a Small Business  
677 Innovation Research or Small Business Technology Transfer grant from a federal agency  
678 including, but not limited to, the United States Department of Energy, the United States  
679 Department of Agriculture, the United States Food and Drug Administration or the National  
680 Science Foundation”.

681 SECTION 66. The first sentence of section 293 of said chapter 238 is hereby amended by  
682 striking out, each time they appear, the words “and officers”.

683 SECTION 67. Section 304 of said chapter 238 is hereby amended by striking out the  
684 word “agriculture” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- public health.

685 SECTION 68. Said section 304 of said chapter 238 is hereby further amended by striking  
686 out the figure “2025” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2026.

687 SECTION 69. Chapter 239 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out section  
688 65 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

689 Section 65. Said section 69J of said chapter 164, as so appearing, is hereby further  
690 amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
691 paragraph:-

692 A petition to construct a facility shall include, in such form and detail as the board shall  
693 from time to time prescribe: (i) a description of the facility, site and surrounding areas; (ii) an  
694 analysis of the need for the facility, either within or outside, or both within and outside the  
695 commonwealth, including a description of the energy benefits of the facility; (iii) a description of

696 the alternatives to the facility, such as other methods of transmitting or storing energy, other site  
697 locations, other sources of electrical power or gas or a reduction of requirements through load  
698 management; (iv) a description of the environmental impacts of the facility, including both  
699 environmental benefits and burdens, that includes a description of efforts to avoid, minimize and  
700 mitigate burdens and efforts to enhance benefits, such as shared use, recreational paths or access  
701 to nature; (v) evidence that all pre-filing consultation and community engagement requirements  
702 established by the board have been satisfied and, if not, the applicant shall demonstrate good  
703 cause for a waiver of the requirements that could not be satisfied by the applicant; and (vi) a  
704 cumulative impact analysis. The board may issue and revise filing guidelines after public notice  
705 and a period for comment. Said filing guidelines shall require the applicant to provide minimum  
706 data for review related to climate change impact, land use impact, water resource impact, air  
707 quality impact, fire and other public safety risks, solid waste impact, radiation impact, noise  
708 impact and other public health impacts as determined by the board.

709 SECTION 70. Subsection (b) of section 118 of said chapter 239 is hereby amended by  
710 striking out clauses (v) and (vi) and inserting in place thereof the following clauses:- (v) the  
711 energy storage system cannot be constructed due to any disapprovals, conditions or denials by a  
712 state or local agency or body, except with respect to any lands or interests therein, excluding  
713 public ways, owned or managed by any state agency or local government; or (vi) the energy  
714 storage system cannot be constructed because of delays caused by the appeal of any approval,  
715 consent, permit or certificate.

716 SECTION 71. Section 129 of said chapter 239 is hereby amended by striking out the  
717 figure “133” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 132.

718 SECTION 72. Item 3000-1142 of section 2A of chapter 248 of the acts of 2024 is hereby  
719 amended by striking out the word “between” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
720 from this item to.

721 SECTION 73. Section 38 of chapter 342 of the acts of 2024 is hereby repealed.

722 SECTION 74. Section 81 of chapter 343 of the acts of 2024 is hereby repealed.

723 SECTION 75. Chapter 390 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the  
724 words “public way within 3 miles of the vessel’s waterfront location of origin in the town of  
725 Barnstable and which may pass over the roadways of the town of Yarmouth; provided, however,  
726 that said vessel shall be trucked by a professional licensed boat hauler” and inserting in place  
727 thereof the following words:- locally owned or controlled public way within 3 miles of the  
728 vessel’s waterfront location of origin in the city known as the town of Barnstable and which may  
729 pass over the locally owned or controlled roadways of the town of Yarmouth; provided,  
730 however, that said vessel shall be trucked by a professional licensed boat hauler; provided  
731 further, that for the purposes of this section, public ways shall not include roadways owned or  
732 within the control of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

733 SECTION 76. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, sections 88  
734 and 94 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 and section 25 shall only apply to land purchased or  
735 taken under a tax title on or after November 1, 2024.

736 SECTION 77. Notwithstanding sections 185A to 185E, inclusive, of chapter 140 of the  
737 General Laws, no person shall be required to be licensed to engage in the business of selling  
738 tickets or the business of reselling or facilitating a mechanism for 2 or more parties to participate

739 in the resale of any ticket of admission under said section 185A of said chapter 140 until January  
740 1, 2026.

741 SECTION 78. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
742 comptroller shall transfer all funds currently in the inspector general expendable trust to the  
743 Office of the Inspector General Recovery Fund established in section 2KKKKKK of chapter 29  
744 of the General Laws not later than 90 days from the effective date of this act.

745 SECTION 79. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any  
746 unexpended balances, not to exceed a total of \$40,000,000, in items 4000-0700 and 4000-1426  
747 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 shall not revert to the General Fund until  
748 September 1, 2025 and may be expended by the executive office of health and human services to  
749 pay for services enumerated in said items 4000-0700 and 4000-1426 of said section 2 of said  
750 chapter 140 provided during fiscal year 2025.

751 SECTION 80. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for fiscal year  
752 2025, the secretary of health and human services may, with the written approval of the secretary  
753 of administration and finance, authorize transfers of surplus among items 4000-0320, 4000-0430,  
754 4000-0500, 4000-0601, 4000-0641, 4000-0700, 4000-0875, 4000-0880, 4000-0885, 4000-0940,  
755 4000-0950, 4000-0990, 4000-1400, 4000-1420 and 4000-1426.

756 SECTION 81. Notwithstanding the terms of any prior appropriation or any other general  
757 or special law to the contrary, any unexpended funds appropriated to and held by the  
758 Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation shall be transferred to and expended by the  
759 Massachusetts Development Finance Agency to ensure post-merger continuity of the agency's  
760 programs.

761 SECTION 82. (a) There shall be a Health Safety Net Trust Fund task force to consider  
762 the funding and administration of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of  
763 chapter 118E of the General Laws and administered pursuant to section 65 of said chapter 118E.  
764 The task force shall consist of: the assistant secretary for MassHealth or a designee, who shall  
765 serve as chair; the secretary of administration and finance or a designee; the commissioner of  
766 insurance or a designee; the executive director of the commonwealth connector or a designee; the  
767 senate and house chairs of the joint committee on health care financing; a representative from the  
768 Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc.; a representative from the Massachusetts  
769 Association of Health Plans, Inc.; a representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield of  
770 Massachusetts, Inc.; a representative from the Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals, Inc.; 3  
771 representatives, as determined by the division of medical assistance, that represent a hospital in  
772 each of the eastern, central and western Massachusetts regions with the greatest amount of health  
773 safety net disbursements in the most recent year of data; 2 representatives from the  
774 Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Inc.; a representative from the  
775 Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; and a representative from Health Care For All, Inc.

776 (b) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the funding and  
777 administration of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund, including, but not limited to: (i) the  
778 reimbursement model for acute hospitals and community health centers for reimbursable health  
779 services provided to low-income, uninsured or underinsured residents; (ii) improving the long-  
780 term sustainability of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; (iii) increasing the financial solvency of  
781 community health centers and acute hospitals delivering reimbursable health services to low-  
782 income, uninsured or underinsured residents; (iv) the scope of health services and  
783 pharmaceutical drugs that are eligible for reimbursement; (v) acute hospital eligibility criteria for

784 reimbursable health services; (vi) the impacts of federal statutory and regulatory changes on  
785 health safety net programming; and (vii) expanding the enrollment of uninsured individuals who  
786 receive health services reimbursed by said fund into health care plans and programs.

787 (c) Not later than April 1, 2026, the task force shall submit a report and recommendations  
788 to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee on health care  
789 financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means.

790 SECTION 83. The special commission established in section 148 of chapter 135 of the  
791 acts of 2024 is hereby revived and continued and shall file its final report not later than July 31,  
792 2025.

793 SECTION 84. The special commission established in section 149 of chapter 135 of the  
794 acts of 2024 is hereby revived and continued and shall file its final report not later than  
795 December 31, 2025.

796 SECTION 85. The special commission established in section 202 of chapter 140 of the  
797 acts of 2024 is hereby revived and continued and shall file its final report not later than October  
798 15, 2025.

799 SECTION 86. The special commission established in section 150 of chapter 178 of the  
800 acts of 2024 is hereby revived and continued and shall file its final report not later than  
801 December 31, 2025.

802 SECTION 87. The special commission established in section 152 of chapter 178 of the  
803 acts of 2024 is hereby revived and continued and shall file its final report not later than  
804 December 31, 2025.

805 SECTION 88. The task force established in section 5 of chapter 214 of the acts of 2024 is  
806 hereby revived and continued and shall file its final report not later than November 15, 2025.

807 SECTION 89. The salary adjustments and other economic benefits authorized by the  
808 following collective bargaining agreements shall be effective for the purposes of section 7 of  
809 chapter 150E of the General Laws:

810 (1) the agreement between the Sheriff of Bristol County and the National Correctional  
811 Employees' Union, Local 103 (K-9 Unit), Unit SA7, effective from July 1, 2024 through June  
812 30, 2027;

813 (2) the agreement between the Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts and  
814 Service Employees International Union, Local 888, Unit L95, effective from July 1, 2024  
815 through June 30, 2027;

816 (3) the agreement between the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Service Employees  
817 International Union, Local 888 AFL/CIO on behalf of certain employees of the Suffolk Registry  
818 of Deeds, Unit SC2, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

819 (4) the agreement between the Sheriff of Bristol County and the National Correctional  
820 Employees' Union, Local 103 (K-9 Unit), Unit SA7, effective from July 1, 2024 through June  
821 30, 2027;

822 (5) the agreement between the Sheriff of Plymouth County and the New England Police  
823 Benevolent Association (NEPBA), Local 580 (BCI), Unit SP3, effective from July 1, 2024  
824 through June 30, 2027;

825 (6) the agreement between the Sheriff of Norfolk County and the National Association of  
826 Government Employees, RI Local 202, Unit SN1, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
827 2027;

828 (7) the agreement between the Sheriff of Norfolk County and the County Correctional  
829 Officers Association, NEPBA Local 570, Unit SN3, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
830 2027;

831 (8) the agreement between the Board of Higher Education and the Association of  
832 Professional Administrators, MTA/NEA, Unit APA, effective from July 1, 2024 through June  
833 30, 2027;

834 (9) the agreement between the Sheriff of Norfolk County and the County Correctional  
835 Officers Association, NEPBA Local 575, Unit SN2, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
836 2027;

837 (10) the agreement between the Sheriff of Hampshire County and the Hampshire Sheriff's  
838 Office Treatment Association (SOTA), Unit SH6, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
839 2027;

840 (11) the agreement between the Sheriff of Hampshire County and the Hampshire  
841 Sheriff's Office Jail and House of Correction Supervisory Correctional Officers, Unit SH8,  
842 effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

843 (12) the agreement between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the New England  
844 Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA), Unit 4A, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30,  
845 2027;



846 (13) the agreement between the Sheriff of Barnstable County and NAGE-IBCO, Local  
847 217, Unit S3B, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

848 (14) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the American  
849 Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93, Local 1776, AFL-CIO, Unit  
850 A01, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

851 (15) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the American  
852 Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 507/Council 93, AFL-CIO, Unit  
853 D82, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

854 (16) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the New England Police  
855 Benevolent Association (NEPBA), Local 290, Unit B33, effective from July 1, 2024 through  
856 June 30, 2027;

857 (17) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the New England Police  
858 Benevolent Association (NEPBA), Local 285, Unit B3S, effective from July 1, 2024 through  
859 June 30, 2027;

860 (18) the agreement between the Sheriff of Hampshire County and the Hampshire County  
861 Sheriff's Office Non-Uniform Correctional Association, Unit SH7, effective from July 1, 2024  
862 through June 30, 2027;

863 (19) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts  
864 Society of Professors, MTA/NEA, Unit A50, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;  
865 and

866 (20) the agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Faculty Staff Union,  
867 Unit B40, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

868 SECTION 90. The assessments required under section 6 of chapter 6D of the General  
869 Laws, as amended by section 5, and section 7 of chapter 12C of the General Laws, as amended  
870 by section 7, shall apply to the budgets for the health policy commission and the center for health  
871 information and analysis, respectively, beginning in fiscal year 2027; provided, however, that  
872 each pharmaceutical manufacturing company and each pharmacy benefit manager shall make a  
873 preliminary payment to the commission on October 1, 2026 in an amount equal to 1/2 of the  
874 initial year's total assessment, as determined by the commission and center, respectively, and  
875 thereafter shall pay, within 30 days of receiving notice, the balance of the total assessment for the  
876 initial year.