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HB1 - An Act making appropriations for fiscal year 2016

Sponsor: Governor

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Governor Baker's first budget, proposed for FY 2016, includes budgetary direct appropriations of \$35.9 billion; intragovernmental service spending of \$501 million; budgetary retained revenues of \$612 million; and consolidated transfers of \$1.8 billion. The subtotal of \$38.8 billion gets supplemented by federal grant spending of \$2.3 billion, and another \$8.3 billion in "off budget" trust fund spending (which accounts are not appropriated for). The grand total of all appropriated and non-appropriated budget spending is \$49.6 billion.

In the outside sections, the proposed budget moves the Center for Health Information and Analysis to EOHHS; eliminates the Office of Commonwealth Performance, Accountability and Transparency; eliminates the authority of the Board of Registration in Medicine to hire attorneys and to enter into contracts or make other arrangements for administrative services, and modifies the provisions under which the commissioner of Public Health may review rules or regulations issued by the Board; eliminates the current statutory entitlement of each regional tourism council to grant funding and convert tourism funding into a competitive program; codifies the ability of the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund to spend in anticipation of revenues; authorizes the Medical Assistance Trust Fund to make incentive payments to publicly-owned hospitals; permits challenges to a civil service determination to be resolved on the written record; changes the amount required to be transferred to the retirement system in FY 2017, to reflect the impact of the early retirement incentive; equalizes the GIC contribution for all state employees at 25%; establishes the Secure Vital Registry Trust Fund; authorizes DPH to spend in anticipation of revenues out of the Vaccine Purchase Trust Fund; eliminates review of MassHealth contracts by CHIA and ANF; allows the Board of Building Requirements and Standards to send notice of amendments of the building code electronically; establishes a "Weather Resiliency Fund" on the books of the MBTA; delays the FAS 109 deduction for another year; authorizes the A&F to reduce allotments by \$325.1 million based on expected early retirement savings; suspends the "tourism formula," for another year; authorizes all capital gains tax collections to be credited to the General Fund in FY 2016; allows transfers to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund to defray snow and ice expenses; requires, that as a condition of additional funding, that regional transit authorities to enter into new MOUs with MassDOT; allows MassHealth to provide the same level of dental benefits that it has been offering in FY 2015; establishes 2007 as the base year for nursing home rates in the Medicaid program and requires the nursing home user fee to deliver \$220 million in revenues; permits MassHealth to adjust the level of chiropractic benefits it offers; requires MassHealth to propose a waiver program for the skilled nursing facility user fee in a manner that will automatically qualify for federal approval; and makes certain other provisions and transfers that are a regular part of the budget.

Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)

Complete 03/04/15 - H - Filed in the House

History: 03/05/15 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

03/11/15 - Hearing Scheduled (3/24/15 11:00am - House Committee on Ways & Means Greenfield Community College)

03/11/15 - Hearing Scheduled (4/1/15 9:30am - House Committee on Ways & Means Everett High School Library)

03/11/15 - Hearing Scheduled (4/9/15 10:00am - House Committee on Ways & Means UMass Center, Tower Square, 1500 Main St., Springfield)

03/11/15 - Hearing Scheduled (4/7/15 10:00am - House Committee on Ways & Means Medford City Hall)

03/11/15 - Hearing Scheduled (3/25/15 10:00am - House Committee on Ways & Means Quinsigamond Community College)

03/11/15 - Hearing Scheduled (3/31/15 10:00am - House Committee on Ways & Means Methuen High School)

03/11/15 - Hearing Scheduled (4/13/15 10:00am - House Committee on Ways & Means Gardner Auditorium)

03/25/15 - H - Reported by committee in part - see HB3189

04/15/15 - H - Reported by committee in part - see HB3400

HB2 - An Act making appropriations for fiscal year 2017

We testified with concerns about the provisions regarding boating excise taxes

Sponsor: Governor

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: HD 4338, also called HB 3905 (see bill below), came out of the Governor's budget as an initiative to deal with a host of issues related to municipal administration, finance, procurement, and related issues. MMTA is currently tracking and lobbying for bills of great concern for boating, which include: HB 3905, which is a big bill amending c. 60B, boating excise taxes, is broken down by topic into HB 3906, HB 3907, HB 3908, HB 3909, and HB 3910.

Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)

Complete 01/27/16 - H - Filed in the House

History: 01/27/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

01/29/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/2/16 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Ways & Means Gardner Auditorium)

02/01/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/8/16 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Ways & Means UMass Amherst)

02/01/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/9/16 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Ways & Means Methuen High School)

02/01/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/16/16 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Ways & Means Springfield Technical Community College)

02/01/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/22/16 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Ways & Means Medford City Hall)

02/01/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/29/16 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Ways & Means Everett High School Library)

02/17/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/23/16 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Ways & Means Wheaton College)

02/17/16 - Hearing Scheduled (3/1/16 10:00 am - Senate Committee on Ways & Means Gardner Auditorium)

02/17/16 - Hearing Scheduled (3/8/16 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Ways & Means Methuen High School)

03/03/16 - Hearing Scheduled (3/4/16 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Ways & Means Gardner Auditorium)

HB3905 - An Act to modernize municipal finance and government

We testified on the out-growths of this large bill, expressing concern over the excise tax proposals

Sponsor: Governor

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: The Governor's initiative to Modernize Municipal Finance and Government is a comprehensive attempt to deal with a host of issues related to municipal administration, finance, procurement, and related issues. Comprising 249 separate sections, the provisions of this bill, among other things updates the thresholds in the public construction statutes; modifies public notice requirements to allow most notices to be published electronically instead of newspapers of general circulation; updates provisions relative to municipal stabilization funds; streamlines certain aspects of property tax and other municipal tax collections; makes amendments to provisions relative to refunding bonds; eliminates prior approval for deficit spending for snow and ice removal by a city council or board of selectmen; permits municipalities to use "electronic poll books," in lieu of paper voting lists, at polling stations, and make other changes relative to the administration of elections; gives a municipality a right of first refusal if property owned by a

charitable organization or a church is being sold or developed for a non-exempt purpose; and permits municipalities, except Boston, to set quotas for liquor licenses issued to facilities permitting on-premises drinking and to managers of special outdoor events.

Parts of the bill have now been referred to the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government (HB3906), the Joint Committee on Public Service (HB3907), the Joint Committee on Revenue (HB3908), the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight (HB3909), and to the Joint Committee on Transportation (HB3910).

Status: Filed in the House (FILE/H)
Complete 12/07/15 - H - Filed in the House - see HB3906, HB3907, HB3908, HB3909, HB3910
History:

BOATING EXCISE TAX BILLS

New BIG about excise taxes:

SB2150 - An Act relative to the modernization of boat registration and marine vessels

We testified at public hearing with concern over boating excise tax proposals

Sponsor: Joint Committee on Revenue
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL 60B:3, the statute governing exemptions to excise tax for boats, to change the exemption for commercial fisherman by decreasing the amount of time they must use the boat for their business to 50% or more and increasing the maximum value of the boats eligible for exemption to \$50,000. Adds new section 5A to GL Chapter 60B to provide that no individual will be given a registration decal or certificate without first providing proof of payment of excise taxes. Amends GL 60B:6 to place reporting responsibilities with the Director of the Division of Law Enforcement of the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Environmental Law Enforcement rather than the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation. Adds new section 2A to GL Chapter 90B to require recreational boat owners to apply to the director of the division of law enforcement of the department of fisheries, wildlife, and environmental law enforcement for a registration decal and display such so as to be visible to any law enforcement officer. Amends GL 90B:3 by providing that the registration information is to be maintained by the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Environmental Law Enforcement. Further provides that this act will apply to excises assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2016. (New draft of SB343. The new draft makes largely grammatical and technical changes to the previous text.)
Status: Senate Committee on Ways and Means (SWM)
Complete 02/29/16 - S - New draft of SB343
History: 02/29/16 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means

HB4032 - An Act to Modernize Municipal Finance and Government

We testified at public hearing with concern over boating excise tax proposals

Sponsor: Joint Committee on Revenue
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Part of the split-up provisions of the Governor's omnibus municipal finance reform package, these provisions, reported by the Joint Committee on Revenue, deal primarily with issues related to local tax administration.

Among other things the bill permits municipalities to deny local licenses and permits to any taxpayer who has neglected or refused to pay local taxes and who has not filed a good faith application for an abatement without having to wait a year for the taxpayer to be delinquent; amends the provisions on District Improvement Financing; removes the DOR Commissioner's role as mediator in certain disputes; eliminates existing requirements that the DOR print and distribute various forms, and approve electronic formats, used in the assessment and collection

of local taxes; amends the current procedure under which the DOR values state-owned land; creates a single due date for personal exemption applications regardless of billing system used; increases from \$10,000 to \$50,000 the value of the property tax exemption for boats, nets and gear used in commercial fishing; increases from 20% to 35% the statutory limit on the amount of a residential exemption that can be granted, if a municipality grants such an exemption as one of its property tax classification options; creates a single overlay account and removes references to a repealed cap on cities; allows municipal books or records required to be furnished to assessors to be in electronic format; standardizes the accrual of interest on delinquent property tax installments; authorizes municipalities to make small tax bills of \$100 or less payable in one installment; repeals provisions relative to unpaid local taxes under \$50; eliminates the need for the Joint Committee on Taxation to approve certain MV excise-related forms; and makes a number of other provisions designed to improve the administration of local taxes.

(New draft of HB3908. The new draft makes a limited number of technical and grammatical corrections, but also adds provisions relative to the invested revenue district development program; strikes out of the previous text provisions that gave municipalities a right to be notified when tax-exempt non-profits or churches plan to sell their building and convert them to residential, industrial or commercial use; and strikes out of the previous text provisions that made overdue returns subject only to designated private auditors.)

Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)
Complete 02/29/16 - H - New draft of HB3908
History: 02/29/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

Smaller bills that grew out of HB 3905 (from Gov's budget) about excise taxes:

HB3908 - An Act to modernize municipal finance and government

We testified with concerns about the provisions regarding boating excise taxes

Sponsor: Governor
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Part of the split-up provisions of the Governor's omnibus municipal finance reform package, these provisions, referred to the Joint Committee on Revenue, this bill deals primarily with issues related to local tax administration. Among other things the bill permits municipalities to deny local licenses and permits to any taxpayer who has neglected or refused to pay local taxes and who has not filed a good faith application for an abatement without having to wait a year for the taxpayer to be delinquent; amends the provisions on District Improvement Financing; removes the DOR Commissioner's role as mediator in certain disputes; eliminates existing requirements that the DOR print and distribute various forms, and approve electronic formats, used in the assessment and collection of local taxes; amends the current procedure under which the DOR values state-owned land; creates a single due date for personal exemption applications regardless of billing system used; increases from \$10,000 to \$50,000 the value of the property tax exemption for boats, nets and gear used in commercial fishing; increases from 20% to 35% the statutory limit on the amount of a residential exemption that can be granted, if a municipality grants such an exemption as one of its property tax classification options; creates a single overlay account and removes references to a repealed cap on cities; allows municipal books or records required to be furnished to assessors to be in electronic format; standardizes the accrual of interest on delinquent property tax installments; authorizes municipalities to make small tax bills of \$100 or less payable in one installment; repeals provisions relative to unpaid local taxes under \$50; eliminates the need for the Joint Committee on Taxation to approve certain MV excise-related forms; and makes a number of other provisions designed to improve the administration of local taxes.

Status: Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)
Complete 12/17/15 - H - Filed in the House (Sections 31-35, 42-47, 56, 95, 101-183, 221 and 242-249) -
History: see HB3905
12/17/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
12/21/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral

02/01/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/9/16 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Revenue B-1)
02/24/16 - H - Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Revenue carrying
HB2462, HB2537, and HB2688
02/29/16 - H - New draft substituted - see HB4032

HB3910 - An Act relative to modernize municipal finance and government

We testified with concerns about the provisions regarding boating excise taxes

Sponsor: Governor

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Part of the split-up provisions of the Governor's omnibus municipal finance reform package, these provisions, referred to the Joint Committee on Transportation, this bill deals primarily with issues related to the new electronic citation system, and its integration with municipalities. In particular, the bill amends provisions relative to certificates of acceptance by requiring the certificate to be filed not only with the registry of deeds but also with the collector of taxes the appropriate city or town; establishes that the owner of a vessel, which has a valid marine document issued by the Bureau of Customs or any other federal agency must apply to the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement for a registration decal or renewal, and requires motorboat registration information to be transferred to the assessors of local cities and towns; implements aspects of the RMV's new system for electronic citations; and modifies the public advertising requirements for contracts awarded under the competitive bidding provisions and the "vertical" construction bidding statute, to permit advertising on the COMMBUYS system, rather than through newspapers.

Status: Joint Committee on Transportation (JTR)

Complete 12/17/15 - H - Filed in the House (Sections 184-200) - see HB3905

History: 12/17/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation

12/21/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral

12/30/15 - Hearing Scheduled (1/6/16 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Transportation A-2)

Old bills regarding excise taxes (have been re-drafted):

SB343 - An Act relative to the modernization of boat registration and marine vessels

We testified in opposition to proposed changes for boating excise taxes

Sponsor: Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)

Cosponsors: Former Rep. Fennell, Robert (D) ; Former Sen. Hedlund, Robert (R) ; Rep. DeLeo, Robert (D); Rep. Heroux, Paul (D); Rep. McGonagle, Joseph (D); Rep. Smola, Todd (R)

Summary: Amends GL 60B:3, the statute governing exemptions to excise tax for boats, to change the exemption for commercial fisherman by decreasing the amount of time they must use the boat for their business to 50% or more and increasing the maximum value of said boats eligible for exemption to \$50,000. Adds new section 5A to GL Chapter 60B to provide that no individual will be given a registration decal or certificate without first providing proof of payment of excise taxes. Amends GL 60B:6 to place reporting responsibilities with the director of the division of law enforcement of the department of fisheries, wildlife, and environmental law enforcement rather than the commissioner of corporations and taxation. Adds new section 2A to GL Chapter 90B to require recreational boat owners to apply to the director of the division of law enforcement of the department of fisheries, wildlife, and environmental law enforcement for a registration decal and display such so as to be visible to any law enforcement officer. Amends GL 90B:3 by providing that the registration information is to be maintained by the department of fisheries, wildlife, and environmental law enforcement. Further provides that this act will apply to excises assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2016. (Identical to HB 2504).

Status: Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

Complete 01/16/15 - S - Filed in the Senate

History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Education

04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral

05/11/15 - S - Discharged and referred to committee on Revenue

09/23/15 - Hearing Scheduled (9/29/15 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Revenue A-1)

02/23/16 - S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Revenue carrying HB2482, HB2504 and SB1602

02/29/16 - S - New draft substituted - see SB2150

HB2482 - An Act relative to marine vessels

We testified in opposition to proposed changes for boating excise taxes

Sponsor: Rep. Diehl, Geoff (R)

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Amends provisions of GL 60B (Excise on Boats, Ships and Vessels in Lieu of Local Property Tax) by essentially rewriting the entire Chapter. Under the bill boat owners will be assessed a flat tax of \$10 per thousand of valuation, and boats will be valued against boats of similar type and manufacture by the Commissioner of Revenue, but the valuation will not be in excess of 50% in the year of manufacture; in succeeding years, the valuation drops by 10% each year, until leveling off at 10% of price in the fifth and succeeding years. The provisions of law relative to motor vehicle excise also apply to this excise.

Status: Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee

Complete: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House

History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue

03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral

05/06/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 10:30am - Joint Committee on Revenue B-1)

02/23/16 - H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB343

HB2504 - An Act relative to the modernization of boat registration and marine vessels

We testified in opposition to proposed changes for boating excise taxes

Sponsor: Rep. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Benson, Jennifer (D); Rep. Crighton, Brendan (D); Rep. Heroux, Paul (D); Rep. Mannal, Brian (D); Rep. McGonagle, Joseph (D); Rep. Smola, Todd (R)

Summary: Amends GL 60B:3, the statute governing exemptions to excise tax for boats, to change the exemption for commercial fisherman by decreasing the amount of time they must use the boat for their business to 50% or more and increasing the maximum value of said boats eligible for exemption to \$50,000. Adds new section 5A to GL Chapter 60B to provide that no individual will be given a registration decal or certificate without first providing proof of payment of excise taxes. Amends GL 60B:6 to place reporting responsibilities with the director of the division of law enforcement of the department of fisheries, wildlife, and environmental law enforcement rather than the commissioner of corporations and taxation. Adds new section 2A to GL Chapter 90B to require recreational boat owners to apply to the director of the division of law enforcement of the department of fisheries, wildlife, and environmental law enforcement for a registration decal and display such so as to be visible to any law enforcement officer. Amends GL 90B:3 by providing that the registration information is to be maintained by the department of fisheries, wildlife, and environmental law enforcement. Further provides that this act will apply to excises assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2016. (Identical to SB 343).

Status: Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee

Complete: 01/16/15 - H - Filed in the House

History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue

03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral

05/06/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 10:30am - Joint Committee on Revenue B-1)

02/23/16 - H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB343

SB1602 - An Act relative to boat registration

We testified in support of the proposed exemptions

Sponsor: Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Amends GL 60B:3, the statute governing excise tax exemptions for boats, to exempt foreign boats, corporate boats, law enforcement boats, boats under construction, ferries, and the first \$75,000 in value of boats and fishing gear mostly used for personal enjoyment.

Status: Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee
Complete 01/16/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
09/23/15 - Hearing Scheduled (9/29/15 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Revenue A-1)
02/23/16 - S - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB343

SB449 - An Act relative to out of state mooring

We testified in opposition to this bill

Sponsor: Sen. Moore, Michael (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Dooley, Shawn (R); Rep. Keefe, Mary (D)
Summary: Amends GL 90B:2, the statute governing numbering of motorboats, to add that such vessels may be numbered according to a different system as long as the vessel is used predominantly outside the commonwealth or the owner has a property interest outside the commonwealth, in addition to the requirement that the vessel has been in the commonwealth for less than 60 days. Amends GL 90B:14, the statute governing penalties for violating motorboat statutes, to provide that violating the newly amended portion of section 2 will result in an additional fine equal to the amount of excise tax that would have been due on said vessel.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/15/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
05/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture 437)

OTHER BILLS THE MMTA HAS TESTIFIED ON

HB627 - An Act relative to boater safety to be known as the David Hanson Act

We testified in support of this bill, with changes needed before passage

Sponsor: Rep. Calter, Thomas (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Cantwell, James (D); Rep. Cutler, Josh (D); Sen. Chandler, Harriette (D); Sen. Moore, Michael (D)
Summary: Adds several new sections to GL 90B, the statute governing Motorboats, Other Vessels and Recreational Vehicles, to be called the David Hanson Act; directs the director of law enforcement in the division of fisheries, wildlife and environmental law enforcement to establish and implement a boating education program, boating education course, examination, certificate and examination fee; prohibits persons born on or after January 1, 1988 from operating a motorboat unless such person obtains a boating certificate; phases in said requirement for persons born before that date; establishes penalties for violations of these provisions; establishes certain exemptions to these provisions; requires persons engaged in the business of renting or leasing motorboats to provide a safe motorboat operation checklist to operators.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/20/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture 437)

HB635 - An Act relative to community preservation funds for seawall repairs

We testified in support over this bill

Sponsor: Rep. Cantwell, James (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)

Summary: Amends; GL 44B:6 by directing that, in coastal communities that adopt the community preservation act, at least 10% of the annual revenue in the community preservation be set aside to fund for the preservation of public infrastructure through beach nourishment, dune restoration, and seawall maintenance and reconstruction.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

Complete 01/20/15 - H - Filed in the House

History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral

06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB638 - An Act expanding pleasure boat access to Boston Harbor

We testified in support over this bill

Sponsor: Rep. Chan, Tackey (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)

Summary: Authorizes and directs all public agencies owning or controlling property within the city of Boston to establish or expand mooring and docking facilities for pleasure boats to make use of the Harbor and Islands; provides for a RFP process and investment of private funds for this purpose, and for the controlling agency to charge reasonable fees to defray the cost of any mooring or docking facility made available to the general public.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

Complete 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House

History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral

06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB678 - An Act protecting the Commonwealth's lakes and ponds

We testified in opposition to this bill

Sponsor: Rep. Garballey, Sean (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Dykema, Carolyn (D)

Summary: Adds new s.21 to GL 21A, the statute governing the Department of Environmental Management, establishing a grant program to lake associations and towns to administer an invasive aquatic plant prevention and mitigation prevention program; funds the program from the Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Fund established by this Act; directs that \$5 of each motorboat certificate fee and a \$10 fee on each out-of state motorboat entering the state's lake and ponds be deposited into said Fund; directs the department to establish a management plan to implement said grant program; specifies several components of said management plan.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House

History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

03/12/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral

06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB729 - An Act relative to boater safety education

We testified in opposition to this bill

Sponsor: Rep. Murphy, James (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)

Summary: Adds new sections 5D and 5E to GL Chapter 90B to provide that boaters must obtain a

certificate of boating safety education before operating a motorized vessel or a non-motorized vessel greater than 15 feet long on commonwealth waterways. Further provides for requirements regarding those holding certification and penalties for violating such and sets these sections to become effective 3 years after passage.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/12/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/20/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/28/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB2463 - An Act repealing the sales tax on boats built or rebuilt in the Commonwealth

We testified in support over this bill

Sponsor: Rep. Cantwell, James (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Summary: Exempts the sale of boats built or rebuilt and delivered in Massachusetts by Massachusetts craftsmen from the sales tax.
Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Complete 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
07/16/15 - Hearing Scheduled (7/21/15 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Revenue A-1)

HB2467 - An Act restoring the harbors and inland waters maintenance fund

We testified in support over this bill

Sponsor: Rep. Chan, Tackey (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (D); Rep. Orrall, Keiko (R); Rep. Walsh, Chris (D); Sen. Moore, Michael (D); Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)
Summary: Amends GLs 64A:13 and c. 91 to require that .05% of gas taxes revenue be credited to the Harbors and Island Waters Maintenance Fund.
Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Complete 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/27/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/2/15 9:00am - Joint Committee on Revenue B-1)

HB3098 - An Act to establish an office of maritime planning and policy development

We testified in support of this bill

Sponsor: Rep. Straus, William (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Adds new section 76 to G.L. 6C:52, the statute governing MassDOT's Mass Transit Division, to establish an office of maritime planning and policy development within the division; articulates the responsibilities of the new office; provides that said duties should not conflict with the administrative duties, powers and jurisdiction granted to MASSPORT, the Steamship Authorities or the MBTA.
Status: Joint Committee on Transportation (JTR)
Complete 01/16/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
02/17/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/24/16 2:00 pm - Joint Committee on Transportation A-2)

HB2689 - An Act relative to local control of boat excise revenue

We testified in support of this bill

Sponsor: Rep. Straus, William (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL 60B:2, the statute governing excise tax of boats and other vessels, to authorize municipalities to increase the per cent of said excise tax that is earmarked for the municipal waterways improvement and maintenance fund by a vote of the legislative body.
Status: Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)
Complete 01/16/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
09/23/15 - Hearing Scheduled (9/29/15 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Revenue A-1)
01/19/16 - H - Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Revenue
01/25/16 - H - New draft substituted - see HB3961

SB1843 - An Act relative to the transfer of boat registration between family members

We testified in support over this bill

Sponsor: Sen. Keenan, John (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends provisions of GL 90B (Motorboats and Other Vessels) to establish that when transferring a boat between family members, the previous certificate of registration may be kept at the request of the new owner.
Status: Joint Committee on Transportation (JTR)
Complete 01/16/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
01/29/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/2/16 12:15 P.M. - Joint Committee on Transportation B-2)

SB1486 - An Act repealing the sales tax on boats built or rebuilt in the Commonwealth

We testified in support over this bill

Sponsor: Former Sen. Hedlund, Robert (R)
Cosponsors: Rep. Cantwell, James (D); Rep. DeCoste, David (R); Sen. Fattman, Ryan (R); Sen. Humason, Donald (R); Sen. Ross, Richard (R); Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R); Sen. deMacedo, Viriato (Vinny) (R)
Summary: Amends GL 64H:6 relative to exemptions from the sales tax to create a new exemption for the sale of boats built or rebuilt and delivered in the Commonwealth by Massachusetts craftsmen.
Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Complete 01/14/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
07/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (7/21/15 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Revenue A-1)

SB1979 - An Act providing for the establishment of a comprehensive adaptation management plan in response to climate change

We testified with concern over this bill

Sponsor: Senate Bills in Third Reading
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Enacts a new Chapter 21P (Comprehensive Adaptation Management Planning in Response to Climate Change) in the General Laws. The new chapter would require the adoption of a Comprehensive Adaptation Management Action Plan under which all certificates, licenses, permits, authorizations, grants, financial obligations, projects, plans, actions, and approvals for any proposed projects, uses, or activities in and by the Commonwealth must be consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the adopted plan. The bill also establishes a comprehensive adaptation management action plan advisory commission to assist the

Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Secretary of Public Safety and Security in developing the comprehensive adaptation management plan. The Advisory Commission is to prepare a report identifying how the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs can support existing adaptation, resilience and hazard mitigation efforts of state agencies, such as the StormSmart Coasts program at the office of Coastal Zone Management; to make recommendations of new actions that may be implemented immediately using existing state agency legal authority; to identify unilateral actions that can be taken by the Executive Branch to increase climate adaptation, resilience and hazard mitigation. Each state agency, state authority and public utility must develop and update at least once every 10 years a vulnerability assessment for their portfolio of assets based on the relative scientific information collected by the comprehensive adaptation management action plan advisory commission. The bill also establishes a regional comprehensive climate change adaptation management action plan grant program to provide financial assistance to regional planning agencies to develop and implement comprehensive adaptation management action plans at the regional level of government. This plan is to be updated every 10 years. (Printed as amended version of SB1973. The amended bill adds significant provisions relative to community shared solar facilities and the development of a solar incentive program, as well as establishing a solar net metering tax credit. The amended text also also abolishes the aggregate net metering cap upon the installation of 1600 megawatts of solar capacity in the Commonwealth.)

Status: Conference committee appointed in the House (CC/H)
Complete 07/23/15 - S - Printed-as-amended version of SB1973
History: 07/27/15 - H - Received in the House
07/27/15 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means
11/17/15 - H - Reported favorably as amended by House Ways and Means
11/17/15 - H - New text recommended - see HB3854
11/17/15 - H - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session with the amendment pending
11/17/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (House Ways and Means)
11/17/15 - H - New text substituted - see HB3854
11/17/15 - H - Ordered to a third reading
11/17/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #23 - Rep. Pignatelli)
11/17/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #6 - Rep. Jones)
11/17/15 - H - Passed to be engrossed (150/2)
11/18/15 - S - Concurred in House amendment(s) with further amendment(s) - see SB2058
11/18/15 - H - Non-concurred in Senate amendment(s)
11/18/15 - H - Conference committee appointed (Reps. Dempsey, Golden, Jones)
11/18/15 - S - Insists on its amendment(s)
11/18/15 - S - Conference committee appointed (Sens. Downing, Pacheco, Tarr)

HB2551 - An Act relative to a 2016 sales tax holiday

We testified in support of this bill

Sponsor: Rep. Jones, Bradley (R)
Cosponsors: Rep. Boldyga, Nicholas (R); Rep. D'Emilia, Angelo (R); Rep. Dooley, Shawn (R); Rep. Ferguson, Kimberly (R); Rep. Frost, Paul (R); Rep. Gifford, Susan (R); Rep. Hill, Bradford (R); Rep. Howitt, Steven (R); Rep. Hunt, Randy (R); Rep. Kuros, Kevin (R); Rep. Lyons, James (R); Rep. Muratore, Mathew (R); Rep. Orrall, Keiko (R); Rep. Poirier, Elizabeth (R); Rep. Smola, Todd (R); Rep. Vieira, David (R); Rep. Whelan, Timothy (R)
Summary: Establishes a sales tax holiday notwithstanding any laws to the contrary. In particular, the sales tax holiday is to take place on on August 13 & 14 2016, and is to be limited to "nonbusiness" sales at retail of tangible personal property. Also exempts telecommunications, tobacco products, gas, steam, electricity, motor vehicles, motorboats, meals or a single item the price of which is in excess of \$2,500.
Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Complete 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
07/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (7/21/15 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Revenue A-1)

HB2550 - An Act relative to a 2015 sales tax holiday

We testified in support of this bill

Sponsor: Rep. Jones, Bradley (R)

Cosponsors: Former Rep. Cole, Leah (R) ; Rep. Boldyga, Nicholas (R); Rep. D'Emilia, Angelo (R); Rep. DeCoste, David (R); Rep. Dooley, Shawn (R); Rep. Ferguson, Kimberly (R); Rep. Frost, Paul (R); Rep. Gifford, Susan (R); Rep. Harrington, Sheila (R); Rep. Hill, Bradford (R); Rep. Howitt, Steven (R); Rep. Hunt, Randy (R); Rep. Kuros, Kevin (R); Rep. Lyons, James (R); Rep. Muratore, Mathew (R); Rep. Orrall, Keiko (R); Rep. Poirier, Elizabeth (R); Rep. Smola, Todd (R); Rep. Vieira, David (R); Rep. Whelan, Timothy (R)

Summary: Establishes a sales tax holiday in August 2015 by suspending excise tax upon non-business sales at retail of tangible personal property on August 15th and 16th of 2015. Directs that telecommunications, tobacco products, gas, steam, electricity, motor vehicles, motorboats, meals, and single items in excess of \$2,500 will not be defined as tangible personal property. Prohibits vendors from collecting such excises that are suspended on those days and articulates that reporting requirements will remain in effect. A report by the commissioner of revenue will be due by the end of the year.

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)

Complete: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House

History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
07/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (7/21/15 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Revenue A-1)

HB2556 - An Act relative to a permanent sales tax holiday

We testified in support over this bill

Sponsor: Rep. Jones, Bradley (R)

Cosponsors: Former Rep. Cole, Leah (R) ; Rep. Boldyga, Nicholas (R); Rep. DeCoste, David (R); Rep. Dooley, Shawn (R); Rep. Ferguson, Kimberly (R); Rep. Frost, Paul (R); Rep. Gifford, Susan (R); Rep. Harrington, Sheila (R); Rep. Hill, Bradford (R); Rep. Howitt, Steven (R); Rep. Hunt, Randy (R); Rep. Kuros, Kevin (R); Rep. Lyons, James (R); Rep. Muratore, Mathew (R); Rep. Orrall, Keiko (R); Rep. Poirier, Elizabeth (R); Rep. Smola, Todd (R); Rep. Vieira, David (R); Rep. Whelan, Timothy (R)

Summary: Enacts a new §6A in GL 64H relative to the sales tax, which would establish a permanent sales tax holiday. In particular, the Commissioner of Revenue would be required to designate a two day weekend in August, and to make that designation by July 15 of each calendar year. The holiday would apply to "non-business" retails sales of tangible personal property, but excluding telecommunications, gas, steam, electricity, motor vehicles, boats, meals, or any single item whose price is in excess of \$2,500. When choosing the designated days, the Commissioner is to take into consideration the observance of any religious and secular days of observation occurring in August, and is to certify the amount forgone annually to the Comptroller.

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)

Complete: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House

History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
07/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (7/21/15 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Revenue A-1)

OTHER HOUSE BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE MMTA

HB150 - An Act relative to the disclosure of wetlands on property

Sponsor: Rep. Arciero, James (D)

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Adds new section 87AAA1/4 to GL Chapter 112 to provide that a real estate agent, broker or salesman must disclose to a prospective buyer that the land to be bought is entirely or in part wetlands as defined by the General Laws. Said disclosure must also include notice that any work to be performed within 100 feet of the wetland area will require a notice of intent to be filed and must be memorialized in writing and notarized.

Status: Joint Committee on Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure (JCP)

Complete 01/16/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
01/21/16 - Hearing Scheduled (1/26/16 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure A-1)

HB286 - An Act to strategically plan for the commercial fishing industry

Sponsor: Rep. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Cabral, Antonio (D)
Summary: Adds new subsection to GL 6A:16G, the statute governing the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, to require the Secretary to prepare an annual strategic report, in conjunction with the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, regarding the Commonwealth's commercial fishing and shellfish industry; requires said report to include recommendations on maintaining and revitalizing the commercial fishing, shellfish and seafood industries.
Status: Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies (JEC)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
06/02/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/10/15 11:00am - Joint Committee on Economic Development & Emerging Technologies B-1)

HB618 - An Act establishing a revolving fund to supplement the funding of waterway projects and coastal protection initiatives

Sponsor: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Murphy, James (D)
Summary: Establishes and regulates use of the coastal protection and harbor maintenance revolving fund; authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to use the fund to provide financial assistance to local governmental units to finance costs of coastal protection and harbor maintenance projects, as defined.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB619 - An Act prohibiting the leasing of certain real property known as outer Brewster Island in Boston Harbor

Sponsor: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Instructs the director of the Division of Waterways to dredge the natural channel between the Squantum Yacht Club, the Wollaston Yacht Club and Quincy Bay.
Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
07/21/15 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
07/27/15 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

HB620 - An Act relative to the Division of Waterways to dredge Quincy Bay

Sponsor: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Chan, Tackey (D); Sen. Keenan, John (D)
Summary: Adds a new section to GL 91 (Waterways) that instructs the Director of the Division of Waterways to dredge the natural channel between the Squantum Yacht Club, the Wollaston Yacht Club and Quincy Bay.
Status: Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
07/21/15 - H - Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
07/27/15 - H - New draft substituted - see HB3689

HB621 - An Act instructing the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game to study the feasibility of repurposing the former Moon Island Sewage Treatment Plant for the purposes of fish and shellfish farms

Sponsor: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Stanley, Thomas (D); Sen. Brady, Michael (D); Sen. Ross, Richard (R)
Summary: Directs the Department of Fish & Game to conduct a study on the feasibility of repurposing the old sewage facility on Moon Island as a fish and shellfish farm for environmental and educational purposes. The findings are to be reported to the Mayors of Boston and Quincy, the Boston and Quincy Conservation Commissions, and the legislature by December 15, 2017. (No general or session laws cited).
Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)
Complete 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
10/27/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/5/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture B-1)
02/16/16 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
02/16/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

HB623 - An Act to protect the natural resources of the Commonwealth

Sponsor: Rep. Balsler, Ruth (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Ashe, Brian (D); Rep. Cariddi, Gailanne (D); Rep. Cullinane, Daniel (D); Rep. Donahue, Daniel (D); Rep. Dubois, Michelle (D); Rep. Dykema, Carolyn (D); Rep. Ehrlich, Lori (D); Rep. Farley-Bouvier, Tricia (D); Rep. Garballey, Sean (D); Rep. Heroux, Paul (D); Rep. Kafka, Louis (D); Rep. Kaufman, Jay (D); Rep. Keefe, Mary (D); Rep. Khan, Kay (D); Rep. Kocot, Peter (D); Rep. Kulik, Stephen (D); Rep. Mahoney, John (D); Rep. McMurtry, Paul (D); Rep. Miceli, James (D); Rep. Murphy, James (D); Rep. Naughton, Harold (D); Rep. O'Day, James (D); Rep. Peisch, Alice (D); Rep. Pignatelli, William (D); Rep. Provost, Denise (D); Rep. Rogers, David (D); Rep. Ryan, Daniel (D); Rep. Sannicandro, Tom (D); Rep. Scaccia, Angelo (D); Rep. Scibak, John (D); Rep. Smizik, Frank (D); Rep. Stanley, Thomas (D); Rep. Story, Ellen (D); Rep. Straus, William (D); Rep. Swan, Benjamin (D); Rep. Walsh, Chris (D); Sen. Eldridge, James (D); Sen. Gobi, Anne (D); Sen. Lewis, Jason (D); Sen. O'Connor Ives, Kathleen (D)
Summary: Amends the GLs by adding a c. 132C to require that a municipality obtain a 2/3rds vote from its Town Meeting Members or its City Council in support of any sale, transfer, lease or change in the control of use of any land or easements under the control of the municipality and taken or acquired for natural resource protection purposes; mandates that any party proposing a change in use or disposition of land or easements taken or acquired for natural resource protection purposes (1) notify the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs of the intention to file a bill in the Legislature to authorize a change in use or disposition of such property, together with certain required information and documentation, (2) provide or pay for replacement land, in addition to providing or paying any other mitigation or consideration deemed appropriate by the

Legislature, and (3) submit a report to the Secretary, upon a project's completion, including a description of any replacement land conveyed, consideration paid or other consideration provided; and provides that the Secretary may grant waivers from these requirements in the case of a de minimus conversion.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/27/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/2/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture 437)

HB626 - An Act to create the Department of Agricultural Resources and Marine Fisheries

Sponsor: Rep. Cabral, Antonio (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (D)
Summary: Amends various provisions of the General Laws to include the division of marine fisheries and the marine fisheries advisory commission within the department of agricultural resources and marine fisheries and provide for the department's duties with regards to this new inclusion.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/16/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
10/27/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/5/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture B-1)

HB631 - An Act relative to the financing of dredging projects

Sponsor: Rep. Cantwell, James (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Summary: Adds new §11B to GL 91, the statute governing Waterways, to establish the Waterways Trust and to authorize the commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation to receive bequests, restitutions and gifts to the trust for the purpose of improvements to harbors and inland waterways; amends GL 91:11A to authorize the department of environmental protection to participate in funding municipal and local authorities up to 75% for dredging projects and up to 50% for all other work authorized under this section; replaces references to the Soil Conservation Service of USDA in several places in the chapter with United States Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB632 - An Act establishing a regional dredge grants program

Sponsor: Rep. Cantwell, James (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Summary: Adds new §11B to GL 91, the statute governing Waterways, establishing a program within the office of waterways to administer grants to regional entities for the purpose of purchasing dredges and associated capital equipment; defines such regional entities; authorizes up to two million dollars annually for the program; requires the department of environmental protection to file annual reports on the program to the legislature.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB633 - An Act reestablishing the harbors and inland waters maintenance fund

Sponsor: Rep. Cantwell, James (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Summary: Amends GL 91 by inserting a new §10E; establishes the Harbors and Inland Waters Maintenance Fund; establishes the revenue source for the fund, as well as duties to be carried out under the fund.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB637 - An Act authorizing and directing the director of the Division of Waterways to dredge the harbor area surrounding Houghs Neck in the city of Quincy

Sponsor: Rep. Chan, Tackey (D)
Cosponsors: Sen. Keenan, John (D)
Summary: Instructs the director of the Division of Waterways to dredge the harbor area surrounding Houghs Neck in the City of Quincy at a cost of no more than \$800,000.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB639 - An Act relative to DCR yacht club fee reflecting water way access

Sponsor: Rep. Chan, Tackey (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Summary: Amends the provisions of SL 2010:65 which authorized DCAM to enter into 30 year leases with certain yacht clubs, by requiring the survey that DCAM must ordinarily undertake to include navigable channels and berthing/mooring areas on the water sheet; it also requires DCAM to manage, repair and maintain the land under water for the term of the lease for recreational boating waterside access and the protection of navigable waterways and channels.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/20/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB641 - An Act relative to abandoned vessels on DCR property

Sponsor: Rep. Collins, Nicholas (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL 91:43A to require DCR to move any vessel that has become grounded within the harbor or on the Commonwealth's shores or any abandoned vessel or unauthorized structure or objects left in the Commonwealth's tide waters, whether or not the vessel, structure or object poses a threat to safe and convenient navigation; and authorizes DCR to become a claimant of such vessel, structure or object at any time after moving it and may apply for title thereto.

Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)
Complete 01/20/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture 437)
06/16/15 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
06/22/15 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

HB665 - An Act providing for more efficient wetlands

Sponsor: Former Rep. Fennell, Robert (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL 40:8c by directing that a municipality may adopt; local wetlands ordinances or by-laws that are more stringent than those set forth in GL131:40; only if, prior to adoption, the department of environmental protection reviews any proposed ordinance or by-law and determines; that it has a recognized scientific basis, is a recommended best management practice, and is warranted given the unique resources identified as being in need of enhanced protection prior to approval.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/20/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
10/02/15 - Hearing Scheduled (10/6/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture DCR Quabbin Bluemeadow Conference Center)

HB666 - An Act relative to the maintenance of existing public ways and wetlands protection

Sponsor: Rep. Ferguson, Kimberly (R)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL 131:40, the statute governing the altering of land bordering waters, to include public ways as something that is subject to the regulations therein and must be approved by the conservation commission before being altered.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
10/02/15 - Hearing Scheduled (10/6/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture DCR Quabbin Bluemeadow Conference Center)

HB669 - An Act relative to the scientific strategic planning of the Commonwealth's fishery

Sponsor: Rep. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL 21A:3 (Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs) to direct the Secretary to include a report relative to the research to be conducted to manage the Commonwealth's fisheries and shellfisheries within the Executive Office's annual report.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
10/27/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/5/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture B-1)

HB670 - An Act An act establishing the Designated Port Area Fund

Sponsor: Rep. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (D)
Cosponsors: Former Rep. Fennell, Robert (D) ; Rep. Cabral, Antonio (D); Rep. Crighton, Brendan (D); Rep. Cullinane, Daniel (D); Rep. Cusack, Mark (D); Rep. DeLeo, Robert (D); Rep. Fiola, Carole (D); Rep. Haddad, Patricia (D); Rep. Koczera, Robert (D); Rep. McGonagle, Joseph (D); Rep. Murphy, James (D); Rep. Ryan, Daniel (D); Rep. Schmid, Paul (D); Rep. Silvia, Alan (D); Rep. Tucker, Paul (D); Sen. McGee, Thomas (D); Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)
Summary: Adds new section 47 to GL Chapter 23G to establish a Designated Port Area Fund within the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency to make grants and loans for the construction, design, and general improvement of existing commercial and marine industrial infrastructure and maritime transportation infrastructure and provides criteria to consider when making such loans and grants. The agency will report to the legislature by December 31 and should include a current assessment of the progress of each project funded through the program.
Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)
Complete: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
07/16/15 - Hearing Scheduled (7/21/15 1:30 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture B-2)
09/15/15 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
09/21/15 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

HB672 - An Act expanding the powers of the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife

Sponsor: Rep. Frost, Paul (R)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL 131:4 by expanding the authority of the director of the division of fisheries and wildlife to exempt certain persons from licensing requirements in order to control or manage wildlife.
Status: Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee
Complete: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
11/03/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/10/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (Westborough))
01/22/16 - H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB415

HB683 - An Act relative to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act

Sponsor: Rep. Gifford, Susan (R)
Cosponsors: Rep. Orrall, Keiko (R)
Summary: Amends GL 131:40, the statute governing the altering of land bordering waters, to include a resource area used in the growing, aiding, or protecting aquatic organisms as a land form that requires approval by the conservation commission to change.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
10/02/15 - Hearing Scheduled (10/6/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture DCR Quabbin Bluemeadow Conference Center)

HB695 - An Act establishing a Department of Environmental Protection appeals board

Sponsor: Rep. Kafka, Louis (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Ashe, Brian (D); Rep. Dooley, Shawn (R); Rep. Garry, Colleen (D); Rep. Gifford, Susan (R); Rep. McMurtry, Paul (D); Rep. Pignatelli, William (D); Rep. Rogers, John (D); Sen. Moore, Michael (D); Sen. Timilty, James (D)

Summary: Adds a new section to GL 21A creating the Department of Environmental Protection Appeals Board to be chaired by the EOEAA Secretary or his designee and sets forth the qualifications and terms of the Board's members; replaces the current statutory process for appealing a determination by the Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals with a process for appealing to the Board created by this Act. (The new section is identified as §19G, which is a section that already exists.)

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

Complete History: 01/13/15 - H - Filed in the House
03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
09/23/15 - Hearing Scheduled (9/29/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture B-1)

HB699 - An Act relative to conserving bluefin tuna

Sponsor: Rep. Kocot, Peter (D)

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Establishes a 12 member special commission to study the existing bluefin tuna fishery in Massachusetts and to promote the continued viability of the species; establishes the qualifications of the member of the Commission; requires reporting to the legislature.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

Complete History: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
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03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
10/27/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/5/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture B-1)

HB700 - An Act relative to inshore resource depletion

Sponsor: Rep. Kocot, Peter (D)

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Adds new §95A to GL 130, the statute governing Marine Fish and Fisheries, to require the director of the division of marine fisheries to promulgate regulations prohibiting the use of all midwater trawl and pair trawling for herring; authorizes the director to institute a system of fines for violations of this provision; further requires the director to establish herring fishery regulations that are compatible with regional efforts to rebuild groundfish resources; specifies several requirements said regulations should include.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

Complete History: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
10/27/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/5/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture B-1)

HB701 - An Act relative to studying tidal turbines

Sponsor: Rep. Kocot, Peter (D)

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Adds new §2JJJ to GL 29 establishing the Oceanographic Research and Tidal Power Development Fund, money from which is to be expended by the division of coastal zone management for the purpose of fostering oceanographic research in the commonwealth, including the feasibility of using tidal power turbines to generate electrical power from wave action; directs the division to establish a grant program to expend such funds; authorizes the state treasurer to issue up to \$2,000,000 in bonds for these purposes.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

Complete History: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House

History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/20/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/28/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/04/16 - H - Accompanied study order

HB705 - An Act to reinstate the clean environment fund

Sponsor: Rep. Koczera, Robert (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Benson, Jennifer (D); Rep. Walsh, Chris (D)
Summary: Inserts GL 94:323G to establish the Clean Environment Fund for programs and projects to manage solid waste and for environmental protection; requires that, with funding from the Clean Environment Fund, (1) the Commissioner of DCR establish a program to increase recycling opportunities for all property under DCR control, (2) the Secretary of the Dept. of Environmental Protection establish a program to increase recycling opportunities at all publicly owned facilities, and (3) the Commissioner of State Parks and Recreation develop and incorporate recycling opportunities into all reservation designs or redesigns and establish a program to increase recycling opportunities in all of the reservations under State Parks and Recreation control.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
09/02/15 - Hearing Scheduled (9/15/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Westport Grange)

HB716 - Resolve creating a special commission to study the effects of coastal and ocean acidification and its existing and potential effects on species that are commercially harvested and grown along the Massachusetts coast

Sponsor: Rep. Madden, Timothy (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Calter, Thomas (D); Rep. Cantwell, James (D); Rep. Ehrlich, Lori (D); Rep. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (D); Rep. Garballey, Sean (D); Rep. Mannal, Brian (D); Rep. McGonagle, Joseph (D); Rep. Peake, Sarah (D); Rep. Provost, Denise (D); Rep. Smizik, Frank (D); Rep. Walsh, Chris (D); Sen. Lewis, Jason (D); Sen. Moore, Michael (D); Sen. Wolf, Daniel (D)
Summary: This resolve establishes a special commission to identify the actual and potential effects of coastal and ocean acidification on commercially valuable marine species, to identify the scientific data and knowledge gaps that may hinder Massachusetts' ability to craft policy and other responses to coastal and ocean acidification, and prioritize the strategies for filling those gaps.
Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)
Complete: 03/10/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
09/02/15 - Hearing Scheduled (9/15/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Westport Grange)
10/20/15 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture carrying HB765
10/22/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Rules
11/05/15 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

HB742 - An Act promoting awareness of safe recreation in public waterways

Sponsor: Rep. Provost, Denise (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Keefe, Mary (D); Rep. Rogers, David (D); Rep. Toomey, Timothy (D); Sen. Jehlen, Patricia (D); Sen. Lewis, Jason (D)
Summary: Amends GL 21:43, the statute governing permit regulations for the department of environmental management, to provide requirements for permits or variances for locations where sewerage

will empty. Allows a waiver to be granted for such permit. Adds new section 43A to GL Chapter 21 to direct the department of environmental protection to establish and maintain a website for reporting sewerage discharges and provides the data that should be transmitted through said website.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/16/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture 437)

HB746 - An Act providing for the maintenance of the Neponset River for the health and safety of the public

Sponsor: Rep. Scaccia, Angelo (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Rogers, David (D)
Summary: Requires the Department of Conservation and Recreation to perform regular review and maintenance of the Neponset River; directs that two park rangers be assigned and equipped from May through October to remove any fallen trees or shrubs that inhibit the safe passage along the River by the general public. (No statutory citations included.)
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture 437)

HB753 - An Act preserving public trust rights in land affected by ocean erosion

Sponsor: Rep. Smizik, Frank (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL 91:25, the statute governing the definition of great ponds, to require that any portion of a barrier beach moved by natural processes onto public land, including the former bottom of a great pond, shall remain in public ownership.
Status: Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)
Complete 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 01/20/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
01/20/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture 437)
03/04/16 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

HB759 - An Act relative to the conservation of Atlantic striped bass

Sponsor: Rep. Stanley, Thomas (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL 130:100A relative to striped bass regulations for marine fish and fisheries by prohibiting new commercial fishermen from fishing for striped bass while grandfathering in certain existing fishermen. It does this by first prohibiting the commercial harvesting and sale of wild striped bass except for those owning commercial licenses on December 31, 2012 who can historically demonstrate over the preceding 5 years that they have averaged an annual landing and sale of more than 1000 pounds of striped bass, and second, by requiring that all aquaculture raised striped bass bear the tag of the grower or distributor of the fish; violations are to be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 for each fish taken or possessed for the first violation, \$500 for second violations and \$1000 for subsequent violations; adds new provisions that do allow commercial harvesting and sale of wild striped bass for individuals. Recreational angling is still permitted' certain hardship provisions are also enacted for somewhat smaller commercial fishermen wishing to be grandfathered in.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/16/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
10/27/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/5/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture B-1)

HB763 - An Act to invasive plants

Sponsor: Rep. Straus, William (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Authorizes the department of agricultural resources to spend up to \$400,000 from the additional fees paid on pesticide licenses described in GL 132B, the Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act, for integrated pest management and control of invasive plants.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/16/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/10/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
06/08/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/16/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB2171 - An Act relative to recreational vehicles

Sponsor: Rep. Puppolo, Jr., Angelo (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Ashe, Brian (D)
Summary: Amends GL 90B:21A relative to recreational vehicles, by authorizing the RMV and the Supervisor of the Boat and Recreational Vehicle Safety Bureau to establish a mandatory educational safety program for the operation of recreational vehicles. Prescribes fines for noncompliance with any requirements to complete said safety program.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)
Complete 01/13/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
12/03/15 - Hearing Scheduled (12/8/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security B-1)

HB2180 - An Act relative to kayak safety

Sponsor: Rep. Straus, William (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL c.90B, the statute governing Motorboats, Other Vessels and Recreational Vehicles, to add canoes and kayaks to the statute's provisions; requires kayak instructors to receive first aid and CPR training approved by DPH; requires kayak instructors to receive American Canoe Association certification, American Red Cross small craft safety certification and basic water rescue training; requires kayak instructors to train students on the safety procedures appropriate to the level of paddling difficulty.

Status: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)
Complete 01/16/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/13/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security A-2)

HB2526 - An Act repealing the property tax exemption for Massport lessees

Sponsor: Rep. Gordon, Kenneth (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Gentile, Carmine (D); Rep. Keefe, Mary (D); Rep. Scaccia, Angelo (D)
Summary: Amends section 17 of chapter 465 of the Acts of 1956 to provide that when the Massachusetts Port Authority leases real property, the property taxes are to be paid by the lessee as if the

lessee were the owner of said property. Further provides that Massport is to be exempt from taxes except for those levied upon real property and is entitled to enter into agreements with the Boston Redevelopment Authority to make payments in lieu of taxes for such.

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Complete: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/06/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 10:30am - Joint Committee on Revenue B-1)

HB2595 - An Act relative to assessing administration

Sponsor: Rep. Livingstone, Jay (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Cullinane, Daniel (D); Rep. Holmes, Russell (D); Rep. Hunt, Daniel (D); Rep. Ryan, Daniel (D); Sen. Brownsberger, William (D)

Summary: Amends GL 59:38 relative to tax assessment administration to prevent individuals from enjoining a city or town based upon tax assessed under that statute. Section 2 adds a Section 75A to Chapter 59 which would allow a town to retroactively assess a tax with interest if the board of assessors determines within three years that the full amount of tax was not assessed. In the case of a fraudulent return the town has a period of six years to assess a deficiency. Section 3 amends GL 59:61A relative to abatement applications to specify which modes of delivery are acceptable. Section 4 amends GL 59:75 relative to omitted tax assessments to require assessors to maintain a log of additionally imposed taxes stemming from past omissions for a period of 5 years, subject to audit by the DOR rather than submit a yearly report. Section 5 amends GL 60B:2 relative to excise tax of boats to institute a system of excise tax similar to that of motor vehicles. Section 6 amends GL 90B:3 relative to boat registration to require a showing of receipt of excise tax paid in the prior year to receive a certificate of number. Section 7 amends GL 90B:4 to require a showing of receipt of excise tax to receive a replacement certificate of number. Section 8 amends GL 60B:2 relative to excise tax of boats to provide that the minimum excise tax collected shall be no less than \$25

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Complete: 01/14/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
02/01/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/9/16 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Revenue B-1)

HB2718 - An Act to name the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal

Sponsor: Rep. Cabral, Antonio (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Koczera, Robert (D); Rep. Schmid, Paul (D)
Summary: Designates the facility in the South Terminal of New Bedford, established by the Massachusetts clean energy technology center as the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal. (No general or session laws cited).

Status: Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight (JSA)
Complete: 01/20/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
03/11/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
11/04/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/9/15 10:00 am - Joint Committee on State Administration & Regulatory Oversight A-2)

HB3219 - An Act relative to designated port areas

Sponsor: Rep. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (D)
Cosponsors: Former Rep. Fennell, Robert (D) ; Rep. Cabral, Antonio (D); Rep. Crighton, Brendan (D); Rep. Cullinane, Daniel (D); Rep. Cusack, Mark (D); Rep. DeLeo, Robert (D); Rep. Fiola, Carole (D); Rep. Haddad, Patricia (D); Rep. Koczera, Robert (D); Rep. McGonagle, Joseph (D); Rep. Murphy, James (D); Rep. Ryan, Daniel (D); Rep. Schmid, Paul (D); Rep. Silvia, Alan (D); Rep. Tucker, Paul (D); Sen. McGee, Thomas (D); Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)
Summary: Amends GL 23A:3A, the statute governing definitions relative to economic development, to

include designated port areas as gateway communities. Adds new section 2RRRR to GL Chapter 29 to establish the Designated Port Area Community Fund to be administered by the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency for the purpose of developing and providing economic assistance to properties located within a designated port area.

Status: Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies (JEC)
Complete: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 01/20/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies
01/20/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
09/04/15 - Hearing Scheduled (9/15/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Economic Development & Emerging Technologies UMass Lowell, Innovation Hub)

HB3235 - An Act relative to public access to Long Island in Boston Harbor

Sponsor: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Walsh, Chris (D); Sen. Brady, Michael (D)
Summary: Directs that if any form of state funding is used to provide a means of access to Long Island in Boston Harbor, such access must be open to the public.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 01/20/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
01/20/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
05/20/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/28/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

HB3311 - An Act providing for a study to be conducted on the cost feasibility of implementing a ferry service to Long Island in Boston Harbor

Sponsor: Rep. Ayers, Bruce (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Stanley, Thomas (D); Sen. Brady, Michael (D)
Summary: Establishes an 11 member Special Commission to study and investigate the feasibility and efficacy of establishing, operating and administering a ferry service to Long Island; articulates the qualifications of the members of the Commission; directs the Commission to identify and project the cost for establishing and operating such a service.
Status: Joint Committee on Transportation (JTR)
Complete: 01/15/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 01/20/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
01/20/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
02/04/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/10/16 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Transportation A-2)

HB3353 (Chapter 19 of 2015) - An Act relative to state personnel

Sponsor: Conference Committee
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: The Conference Committee Report of the Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP) allows eligible employees to either add 5 years to their age or to the length of their employment for the retirement calculation. It applies only to executive branch employees who are classified in Group 1, and excludes employees funded from a federal grant, trust, or capital appropriation, except for those funded out of the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund.

The Secretary for Administration & Finance must achieve at least \$325.1 million in payroll savings, or \$171.9 million in net savings through the implementation of the program. The Secretary is given four options: (i) continuing the interim hiring controls policy, dated January 9, 2015, through fiscal year 2016; (ii) offering one-time payments to encourage employees to resign or retire; (iii) implementing the retirement incentive program as described in the bill; or (iv) requiring layoffs of employees in accordance with any relevant collective bargaining agreements. The total number of executive branch employees who retire, resign or are laid off pursuant to this act may not exceed 5,000. In addition, the Secretary must designate in writing which positions are to be "critical positions," the occupants of which will not be eligible for early retirement of other benefits of this bill. The designation must be made by May 8, 2015. The

Secretary must also notify the State Board of Retirement relative to the number of employees anticipated to separate from state service under the various options authorized by the bill.

The date for filing is between May 8, 2015 and May 29, 2015, and the retirement must be taken before June 30, 2015. No employee may exceed 80% of the average annual rate of his regular compensation. MassPike Toll Collectors who already received an early retirement incentive through the 2014 Transportation Act will not be eligible for this early retirement incentive.

An employee who elects to retire and is eligible to receive a payment in lieu of accrued vacation time, unused sick leave or other benefit must waive the requirement that these payments be remitted within 30 days and shall instead receive 1/3 of each payment on September 1, 2015, July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2017.

Certain positions may be refilled so long as the total costs do not exceed 20% of the total annualized cost of regular compensation which would have been paid out for positions being vacated.

An employee retired under the incentive may not be re-employed as a consultant or independent contractor unless the duration of the state service lasts less than 90 days and unless the salary costs of the service are counted toward the 20% limitation.

(Conference Committee Report combining HB3189 and SB50. The conference report hews much closer to the Senate Bill, leaving out the appropriation included by the House; it raises the cap on the maximum number of people who may retire from 4,500 to 5,000; it pushes back the dates for filing from April 27 through May 29 to May 11 through June 12. Please note that Governor Baker proposed the incentive in HB61 as a separate bill from House 1 -- proposed separately so that it could be passed before the end of the fiscal year -- in order for any of its savings to be realized.)

Status: Signed by the Governor (SIGNED)
Complete 05/04/15 - H - Conference committee report submitted - see HB3189
History: 05/04/15 - H - Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling
05/04/15 - H - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session
05/04/15 - H - Conference committee report accepted
05/04/15 - S - Conference committee report accepted
05/04/15 - H - Emergency preamble adopted (3/0)
05/04/15 - S - Emergency preamble adopted (2/0)
05/04/15 - H - Enacted in the House
05/04/15 - S - Enacted in the Senate
05/04/15 - G - Laid before the Governor
05/04/15 - G - Signed by the Governor

HB3400 - An Act making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements

Sponsor: House Ways and Means

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: The House Ways & Means text of the FY 2016 General Appropriation Act authorizes \$41,385,675,926 in 1181 line-items. This includes \$35,593,855,805 in direct appropriations, \$507,256,179 in chargebacks, \$572,929,739 in retained revenues, \$389,254,752 in reserve accounts, \$1,749,465,452 in operating transfers, and \$2,572,913,999 in federal grants. Without the federal grants and operating transfers, the figure is \$37,063,296,475; with the operating transfers the figure climbs to \$38,812,761,927. The billion dollar line-items include \$5.9 billion for MassHealth managed care; \$4.5 billion for Chapter 70 school aid; \$2.9 billion for MassHealth Senior Care plans; \$2.5 billion for Health Care Indemnity/Third Party Liability Plans; \$2 billion for

Consolidated Long-Term Debt Service; \$1.7 billion for health care services related to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; \$1.6 billion include the Commonwealth's share of GIC plan costs; \$1 billion for Adult Long Term Residential Services; and almost \$1 billion for Unrestricted General Government Local Aid.

Status:
Complete
History:

Passed in the House (PASS/H)
04/15/15 - H - Reported by committee in part - see HB1
04/15/15 - H - Reported favorably by committee on House Ways and Means
04/15/15 - H - Order adopted - see HB3399
04/15/15 - H - Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling
04/15/15 - H - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session (4/27/2015)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #28 - Rep. Durant)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #811 - Rep. Diehl)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #810 - Rep. Diehl)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1007 - Rep. Harrington)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1022 - Rep. Harrington)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #421 - Rep. Durant)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #380 - Rep. Barrows)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #645 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #171 - Rep. McKenna)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #997 - Rep. Scaccia)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1054 - Rep. Scaccia)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #685 - Rep. Mannal)
04/27/15 - H - Ordered to a third reading
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #207 - Rep. Jones)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (38/116 - Amendment #553 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #555 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #587 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #647 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #650 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #652 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #865 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #874 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment A: Constitutional Officers, State Administration, and Transportation (154/0)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #40 - Rep. Mariano)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #556 - Rep. Hecht)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #717 - Rep. Fox)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #248 - Rep. Golden)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #601 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #170 - Rep. Speliotis)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #256 - Rep. Puppolo)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #625 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #563 - Rep. O'Connell)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #340 - Rep. Murphy)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #834 - Rep. Cole)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #792 - Rep. Ryan)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #896 - Rep. Moran)
04/27/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #806 - Rep. Diehl)
04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1071 - Rep. Frost)
04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment B: Energy and Environmental Affairs (155/0)
04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #130 - Rep. Madden)
04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (36/117 - Amendment #217 - Rep. Jones)
04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (152/0 - Amendment #196 - Rep. Jones)
04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment C: Social Services and Veterans (158/0)
04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment D: Education and Local Aid (155/0)
04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #809 - Rep. Lyons)
04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #557 - Rep. Timilty)
04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #969 - Rep. Peake)

04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #972 - Rep. Peake)
 04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #987 - Rep. Benson)
 04/28/15 - H - Further amendment(s) adopted thus precluding a vote (114/43 - Amendment #575.1 - Rep. Carvalho)
 04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment E: Housing, Mental Health and Disabilities (156/0)
 04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment F: Public Health (155/0)
 04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #940 - Rep. Ayers)
 04/28/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #359 - Rep. Orrall)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment G: Health and Human Services and Elder Affairs (151/0)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #213 - Rep. Jones)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #182 - Rep. Jones)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #78 - Rep. Hill)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #725 - Rep. Murphy)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #674 - Rep. Galvin)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #619 - Rep. Straus)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #369 - Rep. Collins)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #1090 - Rep. Orrall)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #135 - Rep. Murphy)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #594 - Rep. Kuros)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment H: Labor and Economic Development (156/0)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (45/113 - Amendment #187 - Rep. Jones)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #560 - Rep. O'Connell)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #999 - Rep. O'Connell)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #208 - Rep. Jones)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #370 - Rep. Collins)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #429 - Rep. Vieira)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #266 - Rep. Howard)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #1040 - Rep. Cantwell)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #693 - Rep. Kafka)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #613 - Rep. Donato)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #204 - Rep. Jones)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment I: Public Safety and Judiciary (158/0)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #3 - Rep. Haddad)
 04/29/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #1089 - Rep. Dempsey)
 04/29/15 - H - Passed to be engrossed (158/0)
 04/30/15 - H - Motion to reconsider prevailed
 04/30/15 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1089 - Rep. Dempsey)
 04/30/15 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #1097 - Rep. Dempsey)
 04/30/15 - H - Passed to be engrossed
 04/30/15 - H - Printed-as-amended version - see HB3401

HB3401 - An Act making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements

Sponsor: House Bills in Third Reading

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: House Bill 3401, the "printed as amended" House-engrossed version of the Fiscal Year 2016 General Appropriations Act, establishes \$35,665,417,610 in direct appropriations, \$411,408,231 in reserve accounts, \$507,256,179 in chargeback accounts, \$573,529,739 in retained revenue accounts, \$2,595,961,253 in federal grants, and \$1,749,565,452 in operating transfers, for a grand total of \$41,503,138,464. This represents a modest increase of \$94,318,284 over the \$41,408,820,180 grand total from the House Ways & Means proposed budget (HB3400). The billion dollar line-items include \$5.9 billion for MassHealth managed care; \$4.5 billion for Chapter 70 school aid; \$2.9 billion for MassHealth Senior Care plans; \$2.5 billion for Health Care Indemnity/Third Party Liability Plans; \$2 billion for Consolidated Long-Term Debt Service;

\$1.7 billion for health care services related to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; \$1.6 billion include the Commonwealth's share of GIC plan costs; \$1 billion for Adult Long Term Residential Services; and almost \$1 billion for Unrestricted General Government Local Aid.

Status: Conference committee appointed in the House (CC/H)

Complete: 04/30/15 - H - Printed-as-amended version of HB3400

History: 05/07/15 - S - Received in the Senate

05/07/15 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

05/12/15 - S - Reported favorably as amended by Senate Ways and Means

05/12/15 - S - New text recommended - see SB3

05/12/15 - S - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session (5/19/2015)

05/18/15 - Senate Session (5/19/15 10:00am Senate Chamber)

05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Senate Ways and Means)

05/21/15 - S - New text substituted - see SB3

05/21/15 - S - Ordered to a third reading

05/21/15 - S - Passed to be engrossed (40/0)

05/27/15 - H - Non-concurred in Senate amendment(s)

05/27/15 - H - Conference committee appointed (Reps. Dempsey, Kulik, Smola)

05/27/15 - S - Insists on its amendment(s)

05/27/15 - S - Conference committee appointed (Sens. Spilka, DiDomenico, DeMacedo)

07/08/15 - H - Conference committee recommended substituting new draft - see HB3650

07/08/15 - H - Reported by conference committee in part - see HB3651

HB3589 - An Act relative to boat excise tax revenue for the Chatham waterfront

Sponsor: Rep. Peake, Sarah (D)

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Directs that 100% of the sums collected by the town of Chatham as boat excise tax will be credited to the town waterways improvement fund for the purposes of maintenance, piers and moorings, public access, and law enforcement and fire prevention.

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)

Complete: 06/04/15 - H - Filed in the House

History: 06/15/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue

06/18/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral

02/01/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/9/16 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Revenue B-1)

HB3613 - An Act for a reliable, sustainable Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Sponsor: Joint Committee on Transportation

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: The Joint Committee on Transportation's redraft of the Governor's bill to revitalize the MBTA implements some of the recommendations of the Special Panel to Review the MBTA, which released its report on 4/8/2015. In particular, the bill establishes the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board, which will continue in existence until June 30, 2018, with the possibility of a 2-year extension; requires the Control Board to formulate and recommend a plan to the MassDOT Board to stabilize and strengthen the finances, management, operations and asset condition of the MBTA, including performance metrics, and to establish 1-year and 5-year operating budgets and 5-year and 20-year capital plans; requires the Control Board to review contracts for commuter rail and paratransit services, and amend those contracts, as necessary; and authorizes the Control Board to increase, or decrease any fare, fee, rate, or charge for any service, license, or activity of the MBTA, but only within the restrictions of the 2013 Transportation Finance Act. In addition, the bill expands the MassDOT Board of Directors from 7 to 11 members; authorizes the various RTAs to create Regional Transit Authority Enterprise Funds; establishes a new Office of Rail and Maritime Planning and Policy Development; authorizes the conveyance of surplus rail and other track material; prohibits the impairment of rights of any existing bondholders; requires the MassDOT Secretary to develop a plan to facilitate the transfer of MBTA employees from the capital budget to the operating budget, and to prepare a report that includes an analysis of certain enumerated items, including an analysis and assessment of current capacity constraints on the Commonwealth's transportation system; requires the transfer of ferry services, routes and assets currently controlled by the MBTA to the Massachusetts Port Authority; and establishes two special commissions, one to study the best practices in transportation governance, and another to report on retirement benefits provided to

employees of the MBTA. (Please note that while news accounts reported that the Control Board does not have the authority to raise fares, the bill does authorize such authority within limits previous set in 2013, which prohibit increases at intervals of less than 24 months or at an annual rate greater than 5%, and which require the increases to be subject to certain enumerated benchmarks.)

Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)
Complete 06/23/15 - H - New draft of HB3347
History: 06/24/15 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

HB3650 (Chapter 46 of 2015) - An Act making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements

Sponsor: Conference Committee

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: The Conference Committee report for the 2016 \$41,438,429,511 in 1217 line-items. This includes \$35,614,028,208 in direct appropriations, \$598,288,722 in reserve accounts, \$509,056,178 in chargebacks, and \$551,157,916 in retained revenue, for a subtotal of \$37,272,531,024. Adding in the additional \$1,737,373,337 in operating transfers and \$2,428,525,150 in federal grants, brings the total of appropriated items to \$41,438,429,511 (and not the \$38.1 billion reported in the press). In the outside sections the bill increases the earned income tax credit from 15 to 23% of the federal credit, and repeals the FAS 109 corporate combined income tax deduction. However, it makes the earned income tax credit increase dependent on the repeal of the FAS 109 -- which is apparently intended to fund the EITC increase -- so that if the FAS 109 is repealed, the EITC increase would be repealed as well. It also authorizes the establishment of an MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board, and authorizes the Board to reorganize or consolidate departments, divisions or entities of the authority, except the Metropolitan Boston Transit Parking Corporation; includes the MBTA under the list of agencies and authorities that may use construction management at-risk services and design build for public works projects; establishes tuition retention for UMass and requires the UMass Board of Trustees to establish student charges for the entire university system; adds new chapter to establish a mobile integrated health care program; allows CPCS to raise the cap on annual billable hours for private counsel appointed by CPCS to handle children and family law cases from 1,650 to 1,800 hours a private bar counsel rate, and increases that rate from \$50 to \$53 per hour for cases in the district courts or involving children in need of services cases, and from \$50 to \$55 for family law or care and protection cases; extends from 5 to 10 years the length of a procurement contract which a retirement system may award; eliminates the Office of Commonwealth Performance, Accountability and Transparency; strikes out a provision that currently prohibits the Suffolk County Clerk of Courts from designating Deputy Assistant Clerks; allows early intervention services to be considered "substance abuse treatment" for Medicaid purposes; allows FDA-approved schedule II to IV medications to be used as a drug deterrent; exempts the MBTA from the "Pacheco" anti-privatization provisions for a period of three years; increases the threshold for what constitutes a minor accident for auto insurance purposes; adds regulating of outsourcing facilities or compounding pharmacies; authorizes the birth records of persons who undergo permanent sex reassignment procedures to be amended to reflect such reassignment; authorizes a tax amnesty program for 60 days in fiscal year 2016; authorizes a municipal naloxone bulk purchase program; requires DOC to reprocore food and commissary services at all institutions to decrease expenses; prohibits any health care provider from providing information relative to unpaid charges for health care services to a consumer reporting agency while an internal or external review is pending; prohibits any public agency, including authorities and quasi-public entities, from expending state funds, except for analysis and due diligence, or incurring any liability, indebtedness or obligation, in connection with hosting the 2024 Olympics; prohibits courts from permitting or requiring the disclosure of a DCF social worker's home address or telephone number; reconstitutes the STEM Advisory Council, correcting a statutory citation in the existing law; and repeals the requirement that towns print their annual reports, instead requires them to make their reports available to the public, among other things.

Status: Signed In Part
Complete 07/08/15 - H - Conference committee report submitted - see HB3401

History: 07/08/15 - H - Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling
07/08/15 - H - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session
07/08/15 - House Session (7/8/15 1:00 PM House Chamber)
07/08/15 - H - Conference committee report accepted (153/1)
07/08/15 - S - Conference committee report accepted (31/5)
07/08/15 - H - Emergency preamble adopted (3/0)
07/08/15 - S - Emergency preamble adopted (8/0)
07/08/15 - H - Enacted in the House
07/08/15 - S - Enacted in the Senate (36/0)
07/08/15 - G - Laid before the Governor
07/17/15 - G - Signed (in part) by the Governor
07/17/15 - G - Returned by the Governor with amendments and vetoes - see HB3675
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7030-1002 (155/0)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 0321-2100 (117/34)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 0334-0001 (118/34)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 0336-0002 (125/30)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 0640-0300 (153/2)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7100-0200 (139/16)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7502-0100 (122/32)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7512-0100 (132/22)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7516-0100 (121/31)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7518-0100 (122/32)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7066-0036 (139/15)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7077-0023 (142/10)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1100-6000 (154/1)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7004-9024 (129/20)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7007-0952 (122/32)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 3000-4040 (144/10)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4000-0700 (121/34)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1599-1450 (151/0)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1599-2004 (115/34)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 3000-7070 (142/10)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4510-0790 (128/22)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4513-1000 (126/27)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 0321-2100 (37/0)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4590-0925 (153/0)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7000-9506 (121/34)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 0336-0002 (38/0)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7002-1508 (120/34)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 0334-0001 (38/0)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7003-0606 (131/34)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7003-0803 (126/30)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7003-0808 (124/32)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 0640-0300 (38/0)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7007-1202 (123/32)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7100-0200 (38/0)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7004-3036 (126/28)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7066-0000 (127/29)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7502-0100 (37/1)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7516-0100 (35/3)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1599-2003 (121/35)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4000-0007 (154/0)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4000-0640 (146/8)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 8100-1001 (152/4)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7000-9401 (122/34)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7512-0100 (35/3)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7000-9501 (122/31)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7518-0100 (34/4)
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07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7009-6400 (132/23)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7066-0036 (38/0)

07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7061-9811 (121/35)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7077-0023 (38/0)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 8000-1000 (127/29)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1599-4417 (121/34)
07/29/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1231-1000 (134/22)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7030-1002 (38/0)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1100-6000 (38/0)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7004-9024 (38/0)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7007-0952 (35/3)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4000-0700 (33/5)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4000-0007 (38/0)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 3000-4040 (38/0)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1599-2004 (38/0)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 3000-7070 (38/0)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1599-1450 (35/3)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4510-0790 (34/3)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4513-1000 (37/1)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4590-0925 (37/1)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7000-9506 (34/4)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7002-1508 (32/6)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7003-0606 (36/2)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1599-2003 (32/6)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7003-0803 (36/2)
07/29/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7003-0808 (34/4)
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07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4510-0112 (150/1)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 3000-1050 (145/6)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 3000-2000 (138/14)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 3000-6025 (142/13)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7061-9408 (119/35)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7061-9611 (122/32)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7010-0005 (123/31)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7002-0010 (123/31)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1100-1100 (121/32)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1102-3199 (122/32)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7004-9322 (123/31)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 8000-0110 (124/31)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 2000-0100 (120/35)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 2330-0100 (124/29)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4000-0014 (129/24)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4510-0600 (126/28)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4000-0051 (154/0)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4200-0200 (128/26)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4512-0225 (131/23)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4512-0500 (138/16)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4513-1111 (119/35)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 5046-0000 (146/9)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7004-0099 (125/29)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7113-0101 (119/34)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7004-0108 (130/24)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1595-6370 (147/7)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1599-0026 (131/22)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 2810-0100 (134/20)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4590-0915 (119/35)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4513-1121 (153/1)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4590-0081 (120/34)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 5042-5000 (128/25)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 8324-0000 (124/27)

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07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4512-0200 (154/0)
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07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 123 (119/35)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 140 (119/35)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 159 (120/34)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 176 (119/34)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 180 (119/35)
07/30/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 182 (118/35)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7066-0000 (31/7)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7009-6400 (34/4)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7061-9811 (37/1)
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07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 8000-1000 (37/0)
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07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7000-9501 (35/2)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1231-1000 (37/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7004-3036 (33/4)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7002-0032 (32/5)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7007-1202 (32/5)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1100-1100 (31/6)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1102-3199 (32/5)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 2000-1207 (33/4)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 2000-0100 (34/2)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 2200-0107 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 2330-0100 (35/1)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7002-0010 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7004-9322 (31/6)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 3000-1050 (36/1)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 3000-2000 (33/4)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 3000-6025 (37/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7061-9408 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7061-9611 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7010-0005 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4000-0014 (37/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4200-0200 (32/4)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4000-0051 (37/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 5046-0000 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4510-0600 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4512-0225 (32/5)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4512-0500 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4513-1111 (31/5)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4510-0110 (37/1)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4000-0300 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 8000-0110 (34/4)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1595-6370 (36/1)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7113-0101 (31/6)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7004-0099 (33/4)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7004-0108 (33/4)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1599-0026 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 2200-0100 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 2810-0100 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4512-0200 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4513-1121 (36/1)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4590-0081 (35/2)

07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 5042-5000 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 8324-0000 (35/1)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4510-0716 (32/5)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 1201-0100 (31/5)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 7008-0900 (34/2)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 0330-0300 (32/5)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 8000-0600 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4000-0640 (36/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4510-0112 (37/0)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - item 4590-0915 (33/3)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 176 (32/5)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 180 (33/4)
07/30/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 182 (31/6)
10/15/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 119 (33/3)
10/15/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 123 (31/6)
10/15/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 140 (31/5)
10/15/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 159 (36/1)
10/21/15 - H - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 50 (121/33)
10/22/15 - S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 50 (30/6)

HB3655 - An Act relative to the Dam and Seawall Removal Fund

Sponsor: Rep. Cantwell, James (D)
Cosponsors: Former Rep. Fennell, Robert (D) ; Former Sen. Hedlund, Robert (R) ; Rep. DeLeo, Robert (D)
Summary: Amends GL 29:21III, the statute governing the Dam and Seawall Removal Fund, to authorize the Fund to give priority to projects that are run by local governmental units in addition to other entities that are allowed priority.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 02/11/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 07/08/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
07/13/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
10/27/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/5/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture B-1)

HB3689 - An Act relative to the Division of Waterways to dredge Quincy Bay

Sponsor: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Directs the Office of Waterways in the Department of Conservation and Recreation to dredge the natural harbor channel existing between the Squantum Yacht Club and the Wollaston Yacht Club, in the Wollaston Beach, extending into greater Quincy Bay, to provide on-going access as a waterway route -- for emergency evacuation as so designated by the United States Coast Guard -- and for the water transfer of accident victims to on-shore medical treatment facilities. (New draft of HB620. The new draft makes technical and grammatical amendments to the bill.)
Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)
Complete 07/27/15 - H - New draft of HB620
History: 07/27/15 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

HB3854 - An Act providing for the establishment of a comprehensive adaptation management plan in response to climate change

Sponsor: House Ways and Means
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: In general the bill provides for changes in the net metering credits that customers of electric utilities may receive for providing electricity to the grid through the use of solar energy.

In particular, the bill increases from 25 to 35 the limit of megawatts that an electric utility can have as part of a solar energy construction project; it shifts back by six months the dates for DPU approval for cost recovery plans; it adds a definition of market net metering credits, which

are equal to the excess kilowatt-hours by time of use billing period, if applicable, multiplied by the average monthly energy clearing price in the ISO-NE load zone in which the net metering facility is located; it establishes that upon a determination by the Department of Energy Resources that the aggregate nameplate capacity of installed solar generating facilities in the Commonwealth is equal to or greater than 1,600 megawatts, the Department must certify the date that capacity has been reached and provide a date of notification that all new Class I, Class II and Class III solar net metering facilities in commercial operation after that date will be allowed to generate market net metering credits only; and it increases from 4% to 6% the aggregate net metering capacity of private (i.e. nongovernmental) customers as a per cent of the distribution company's peak load, and increases from 5% to 7% the aggregate net metering capacity of governmental customers as a per cent of the distribution company's peak load.

Furthermore, the bill authorizes distribution companies to submit proposals for a monthly minimum reliability contribution to be included on electric bills for distribution utility accounts that receive Class I, Class II, Class III, or market net metering credits, and authorizes the Department to approve a proposal for a monthly minimum reliability contribution after the aggregate nameplate capacity of installed solar generating facilities in the Commonwealth is equal to or greater than 1,600 megawatts; authorizes the Department to exempt or modify any monthly minimum reliability contribution for low income ratepayers; grandfathers in any renewable energy generating source using solar photovoltaic or solar thermal electric energy that has previously qualified for the renewable energy portfolio standard; and requires the Department of Energy Resources to adopt rules and regulations that lower the cost of the Commonwealth's solar incentive programs for the ratepayers of the commonwealth, but only as applied to new solar generating facilities that become operational after the aggregate nameplate capacity of solar generating facilities in the Commonwealth is equal to or greater than 1,600 megawatts. In addition, the Department of Energy Resources is to develop a statewide solar incentive program to encourage the continued development of solar renewable energy generating sources by residential, commercial, governmental and industrial electricity customers.

(New draft of SB1979, the Senate engrossed bill. Please note that this bill is a complete rewrite of the previous bill, and that it literally uses almost no language from the Senate bill. Although the intent is similar, the details are completely dissimilar.)

Status: Filed in the House (FILE/H)
Complete 11/17/15 - H - New text of SB1979
History:

HB3894 - An Act authorizing the city of Salem to establish the Salem Harbor Port Authority

Sponsor: Rep. Tucker, Paul (D)
Cosponsors: Sen. Lovely, Joan (D)
Summary: Authorizes the City of Salem to establish the Salem Harbor Port Authority; articulates the qualifications and terms of the five member Authority Board; authorizes the Board to appoint an executive director, who shall be the Authority's Chief Operating Officer; articulates the responsibilities of the Authority; defines the Harbor Port Area.
Status: Joint Committee on Transportation (JTR)
Complete 12/01/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 12/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
12/14/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
01/29/16 - Hearing Scheduled (2/2/16 12:15 P.M. - Joint Committee on Transportation B-2)

HB3961 - An Act relative to local control of boat excise revenue

Sponsor: Joint Committee on Revenue
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL 60B:2, the statute governing excise tax of boats and other vessels, to authorize municipalities to increase the per cent of said excise tax that is earmarked for the municipal

waterways improvement and maintenance fund by a vote of the legislative body. (New draft of HB2689. The new draft makes largely technical and grammatical corrections.)

Status: Ordered to a third reading in the House (ORD3R/H)
Complete: 01/25/16 - H - New draft of HB2689
History: 01/25/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling
02/22/16 - H - Ordered to a third reading
02/23/16 - House Session (2/24/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)

OTHER SENATE BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE MMTA

SB3 - An Act making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements

Sponsor: Senate Ways and Means

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: The Senate Ways and Means Recommendations for the FY2016 General Appropriation Act establish \$35,665,417,610 in direct appropriations, \$411,408,231 in reserve accounts, \$507,256,179 in chargebacks, \$573,529,739 in retained revenue, \$2,595,961,253 in federal grants, and \$1,749,565,452 in consolidated operating transfer, for a grant total of \$41,503,138,464. The billion dollar items include \$5.9 billion for managed care plans for MassHealth; \$4.5 billion for "chapter 70" local aid payments to cities, towns, and regional school districts; \$2.9 billion for senior care plans for MassHealth; \$2.4 billion for health care indemnity/third party liability plans to medical assistance recipients; \$2.0 billion for consolidated long-term debt service; \$1.7 billion for Obamacare expansion populations; \$1.6 billion for the Commonwealth's share of group insurance premium and plan costs; \$1.0 billion for adult long term residential services; and just under \$1.0 billion for unrestricted general government local aid.

Status: Filed in the Senate (FILE/S)

Complete: 05/12/15 - S - Filed in the Senate

History: 05/12/15 - S - Recommended new text of HB3401
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) offered (Amendment #2 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Further amendment(s) offered NOT adopted (12/27 - Amendment #2.1 - Sen. Hedlund)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (39/0 - Amendment #2 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #3 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (12/27 - Amendment #4 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (8/32 - Amendment #5 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (29/11 - Amendment #6 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #8 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #9 - Sen. Wolf)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #10 - Sen. Wolf)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #11 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #13 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #14 - Sen. Wolf)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #17 - Sen. Moore)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #18 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #19 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #20 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #21 - Sen. Joyce)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #22 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #25 - Sen. Joyce)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #26 - Sen. Joyce)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #28 - Sen. Brownsberger)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #30 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #31 - Sen. Montigny)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #32 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #33 - Sen. Lovely)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #38 - Sen. Forry)

05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #39 - Sen. Forry)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #40 - Sen. Downing)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #41 - Sen. Forry)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #42 - Sen. Montigny)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #43 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #44 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #46 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #48 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #50 - Sen. Ross)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #51 - Sen. Ross)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #53 - Sen. Ross)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (13/25 - Amendment #55 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #57 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (10/28 - Amendment #15 - Sen. Humason)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #267 - Sen. Fattman)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (7/31 - Amendment #12 - Sen. Fattman)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #16 - Sen. Humason)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #24 - Sen. Montigny)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #29 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #61 - Sen. Ross)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #65 - Sen. Hedlund)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #66 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #35 - Sen. Montigny)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #67 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #68 - Sen. Montigny)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #69 - Sen. Tarr)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #78 - Sen. Fattman)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #79 - Sen. Fattman)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #80 - Sen. Humason)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #82 - Sen. Joyce)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #84 - Sen. Joyce)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #85 - Sen. Joyce)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #86 - Sen. Keenan)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #88 - Sen. Joyce)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #89 - Sen. Joyce)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #90 - Sen. Donnelly)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #92 - Sen. Downing)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #93 - Sen. Keenan)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #94 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #95 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #96 - Sen. Ross)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #98 - Sen. Donoghue)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (6/33 - Amendment #99 - Sen. Hedlund)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #97 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (8/31 - Amendment #100 - Sen. Hedlund)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #101 - Sen. Hedlund)
05/19/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (11/27 - Amendment #59 - Sen. Donoghue)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (39/0 - Amendment #545 - Sen. Gobi)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #37 - Sen. Forry)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #117 - Sen. Brownsberger)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #120 - Sen. Brownsberger)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #125 - Sen. Chandler)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #126 - Sen. Creem)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #127 - Sen. Brownsberger)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #129 - Sen. Donoghue)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (39/0 - Amendment #130 - Sen. Wolf)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #221 - Sen. Hedlund)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #132 - Sen. Rush)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #134 - Sen. Wolf)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #135 - Sen. Rush)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #174 - Sen. Barrett)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #176 - Sen. Eldridge) - see SB1938
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #177 - Sen. Chandler)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #182 - Sen. Petruccelli)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (30/7 - Amendment #184 - Sen. Petruccelli)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #207 - Sen. Humason)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #212 - Sen. Moore)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #7 - Sen. Tarr)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (39/0 - Amendment #747 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #215 - Sen. Fattman)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #217 - Sen. Ross)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #220 - Sen. Lesser)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #226 - Sen. Wolf)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (39/0 - Amendment #328 - Sen. Lesser)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #247 - Sen. Tarr)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #250 - Sen. Tarr)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #251 - Sen. Fattman)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #252 - Sen. Joyce)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #253 - Sen. Joyce)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #423 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #424 - Sen. Creem)
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05/20/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #445 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #503 - Sen. Donoghue)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #532 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #537 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (16/23 - Amendment #554 - Sen. Tarr)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (39/0 - Amendment #564 - Sen. Eldridge)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Bundle B - No)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (39/0 - Amendment #584 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #600 - Sen. Creem)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #750 - Sen. L'Italien)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #795 - Sen. Keenan)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #799 - Sen. Tarr)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #806 - Sen. Donnelly) - see SB1943
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #810 - Sen. Keenan)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #124 - Sen. Montigny) - see SB1944
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #219 - Sen. Lesser)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #261 - Sen. Montigny)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #279 - Sen. Lewis)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #330 - Sen. Tarr)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #382 - Sen. Moore)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #385 - Sen. DeMacedo)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #394 - Sen. Montigny)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #402 - Sen. Lewis)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #415 - Sen. Lesser)
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05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #534 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #536 - Sen. Tarr)
05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #543 - Sen. Montigny)
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 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #924 - Sen. Montigny)
 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #937 - Sen. DeMacedo) - see SB1945
 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #213 - Sen. Downing)
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 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #225 - Sen. Wolf)
 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #505 - Sen. Donoghue)
 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #775 - Sen. Donnelly)
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 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #692 - Sen. Creem)
 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (39/0 - Amendment #791 - Sen. Welch)
 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #792 - Sen. Tarr)
 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #214 - Sen. Keenan)
 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (40/0 - Amendment #199 - Sen. Tarr) - see SB1946
 05/21/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #60 - Sen. Spilka)
 05/21/15 - S - New text of HB3401
 05/21/15 - S - Printed-as-amended version - see SB1930

SB239 - An Act to provide for loans for waterfront development

Sponsor: Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Authorizes the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency to spend an amount not to exceed ten million dollars for the purpose of making interest-free or low interest loans to rehabilitate existing infrastructure in waterfront areas; authorizes the State Treasurer to issue and sell bonds of the Commonwealth to fund this program.

Status: Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies (JEC)

Complete 01/16/15 - S - Filed in the Senate

History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies

04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral

07/06/15 - Hearing Scheduled (7/15/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Economic Development & Emerging Technologies B-2)

SB240 - An Act to provide for loans for waterfront development

Sponsor: Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)
Cosponsors: Former Rep. Fennell, Robert (D) ; Former Sen. Hedlund, Robert (R) ; Rep. DeLeo, Robert (D); Rep. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (D); Sen. deMacedo, Viriato (Vinny) (R)
Summary: Authorizes the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency to spend an amount not to exceed ten million dollars for the purpose of making interest-free or low interest loans to rehabilitate existing infrastructure in waterfront areas; authorizes the State Treasurer to issue and sell bonds of the Commonwealth to fund this program.
Status: Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies (JEC)
Complete 01/16/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
07/06/15 - Hearing Scheduled (7/15/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Economic Development & Emerging Technologies B-2)

SB1448 - An Act repealing the property tax exemption for Massport lessees

Sponsor: Sen. Barrett, Michael (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Ashe, Brian (D); Rep. Balsler, Ruth (D); Rep. Gentile, Carmine (D); Rep. Gordon, Kenneth (D); Sen. Jehlen, Patricia (D); Sen. Joyce, Brian (D)
Summary: Amends section 17 of chapter 465 of the Acts of 1956 to provide that when the Massachusetts Port Authority leases real property, the property taxes are to be paid by the lessee as if the lessee were the owner of said property. Further provides that Massport is to be exempt from taxes except for those levied upon real property and is entitled to enter into agreements with the Boston Redevelopment Authority to make payments in lieu of taxes for such.
Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)
Complete 01/15/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
05/06/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 10:30am - Joint Committee on Revenue B-1)

SB13 - A report of the Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change entitled NO TIME TO WASTE: Our climate clock is ticking and our natural resources, public health and the future of our economy are at stake

Sponsor: Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Sets forth the final report of the Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change, published in February 2015. The report concludes that Massachusetts already took significant steps to combat the impending threats of climate change under the former Patrick administration. While admirable, these steps do not go far enough for Massachusetts to reach its clean energy targets and to satisfy legal requirements. A new administration in Massachusetts will offer new opportunities for the state to tackle clean energy and environment-related goals by using all available mechanisms already codified in state law, such as the sections of the GWSA that many environmental organizations argue allow Massachusetts to price carbon. By taking advantage of these tools, the Commonwealth will be better poised to clean up the environment and to strengthen its clean energy economy. As long as climate change remains one of the most pressing dangers our world faces, governments at the local, state, national and international level must innovate strategies to achieve individual goals towards accomplishing our collective goal of protecting the only world we have. Climate change threatens not only our environment, but our public health, our national security and our global economy, among numerous other sectors of our daily life. Massachusetts has led the way in terms of focusing on some of the challenges that lie ahead. We have achieved much, but there is still so much more to do. The costs we face if we wait far outweigh any investments we make now.
Status: Senate Committee on Ways and Means (SWM)
Complete 02/17/15 - S - Filed in the Senate

History: 02/17/15 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SB415 - An Act expanding the powers of the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife

Sponsor: Sen. Gobi, Anne (D)

Cosponsors: Former Rep. DiNatale, Stephen (D) ; Rep. Ferguson, Kimberly (R); Rep. Kulik, Stephen (D); Rep. Scibak, John (D); Rep. Smola, Todd (R); Sen. Humason, Donald (R); Sen. Pacheco, Marc (D)

Summary: Amends GL 131:5 (Open Seasons: Rules and Regulations) to give the director of fisheries and wildlife the power to authorize an open season for the hunting of deer by bow and arrow on any date, including a Sunday or legal holiday; further requires that, if said open season period occurs in whole or in part within the last 3 months of the calendar year, it must be for a period of at least 7 consecutive days.

Status: Senate Committee on Ways and Means (SWM)

Complete: 01/15/15 - S - Filed in the Senate

History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral

11/03/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/10/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (Westborough))

01/22/16 - S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture carrying HB672, HB762, HB3236, HB3239, SB424 and SB429

01/25/16 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means

SB433 - An Act promoting awareness of safe recreation in public waterways

Sponsor: Sen. Jehlen, Patricia (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Barber, Christine (D); Rep. Cantwell, James (D); Rep. Keefe, Mary (D); Rep. Toomey, Timothy (D); Rep. Walsh, Chris (D); Sen. DiDomenico, Sal (D); Sen. Eldridge, James (D); Sen. Lewis, Jason (D); Sen. O'Connor Ives, Kathleen (D)

Summary: Amends GL 21:43, the statute governing permit proceedings under the department of environmental management, to enumerate the requirement for permits and variance for CSO outfalls and provides a process for applying for a waiver of some of these requirements. Adds new section 43A to GL Chapter 21 to direct the department of environmental protection to establish and maintain a website to report CSO discharges to the public and lists the features and the data that the website should incorporate. Requires the department to issue an annual watershed CSO discharge report by April 15th of each year.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

Complete: 01/16/15 - S - Filed in the Senate

History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral

05/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture 437)

SB451 - An Act providing for the establishment of a comprehensive adaptation management plan in response to climate change

Sponsor: Sen. Pacheco, Marc (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Coppinger, Edward (D); Rep. Cullinane, Daniel (D); Rep. Decker, Marjorie (D); Rep. Dykema, Carolyn (D); Rep. Ehrlich, Lori (D); Rep. Haddad, Patricia (D); Rep. Koczera, Robert (D); Rep. Kulik, Stephen (D); Rep. Peake, Sarah (D); Rep. Provost, Denise (D); Rep. Ryan, Daniel (D); Rep. Smizik, Frank (D); Rep. Swan, Benjamin (D); Rep. Ultrino, Steven (D); Rep. Walsh, Chris (D); Sen. Barrett, Michael (D); Sen. Brownsberger, William (D); Sen. DiDomenico, Sal (D); Sen. Downing, Benjamin (D); Sen. Eldridge, James (D); Sen. Gobi, Anne (D); Sen. Jehlen, Patricia (D); Sen. Joyce, Brian (D); Sen. L'Italien, Barbara (D); Sen. Lewis, Jason (D); Sen. Moore, Michael (D); Sen. Wolf, Daniel (D)

Summary: Enacts a new Chapter 21P (Comprehensive Adaptation Management Planning in Response to Climate Change) in the General Laws. The new chapter would require the adoption a

Comprehensive Adaptation Management Action Plan. Upon the adoption of the plan, all certificates, licenses, permits, authorizations, grants, financial obligations, projects, plans, actions, and approvals for any proposed projects, uses, or activities in and by the Commonwealth must be consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the adopted plan. Among other things, the Plan must demonstrate how the commonwealth will increase alternative local renewable power sources that reduce dependence on centralized power plants; improve resiliency by protecting and restoring natural green infrastructure; incentivize development in low-risk locations away from coastal and inland flood plains and discouraging new development in high-risk locations; and improve resiliency of structures through an update of the state Building Code. In addition, the plan is to encourage and provide guidance to regional planning agencies to proactively address the unavoidable consequences of climate change and provide a process for local and regional climate vulnerability assessment and adaptation strategy development; regional grants are to be designed to reduce community risks and hazards as a result of climate change; the Commonwealth may acquire from willing sellers land abutting or adjacent to areas subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or on barrier beaches or in velocity zones of flood plain areas.

Status: Senate Committee on Ways and Means (SWM)
Complete 01/14/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
05/20/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/28/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
06/16/15 - S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture carrying HB752
06/18/15 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means
07/21/15 - S - Reported favorably as amended by Senate Ways
07/21/15 - S - New draft recommended - see SB1973
07/21/15 - S - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session (7/23/2015) with the amendment pending
07/22/15 - Senate Session (7/23/15 1:00 PM Senate Chamber)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Senate Ways and Means)
07/23/15 - S - New draft substituted - SB1973

SB464 - An Act to restore the public trust for tidelands

Sponsor: Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)
Cosponsors: Former Rep. Fennell, Robert (D) ; Former Sen. Hedlund, Robert (R) ; Rep. DeLeo, Robert (D); Sen. Lovely, Joan (D); Sen. Wolf, Daniel (D); Sen. deMacedo, Viriato (Vinny) (R)
Summary: Adds new section 64 to GL Chapter 91 to prohibit DCR from delegating or allowing any other agency to review and grant applications for tidelands licenses. Articulates that DCR is the only agency with the authority to do so without express legislative approval.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 01/16/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
10/14/15 - Hearing Scheduled (10/20/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

SB465 - An Act relative to the removal and disposal of waste oil

Sponsor: Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)
Cosponsors: Former Rep. Fennell, Robert (D) ; Former Sen. Hedlund, Robert (R) ; Rep. DeLeo, Robert (D); Rep. Provost, Denise (D); Sen. Humason, Donald (R); Sen. Ross, Richard (R); Sen. deMacedo, Viriato (Vinny) (R)
Summary: Amends GL 21:52A by requiring any entity that wishes to accept waste oil or petroleum products for disposal from any automobile service station marina serving powered watercraft or retail outlet selling automobile lubricating oil in the Commonwealth must submit a plan for the removal and proper disposal of such materials with the Department of Environmental Protection; regulates penalties for violations at \$1,000 per offense.
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

Complete 01/20/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
06/22/15 - Hearing Scheduled (6/23/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-1)

SB475 - An Act to establish the Marine Fisheries Research Council

Sponsor: Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)
Cosponsors: Former Rep. Fennell, Robert (D) ; Former Sen. Hedlund, Robert (R) ; Rep. Cabral, Antonio (D); Rep. DeLeo, Robert (D); Rep. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (D); Rep. Wong, Donald (R); Sen. Humason, Donald (R); Sen. deMacedo, Viriato (Vinny) (R)
Summary: Establishes the Marine Fisheries Research Council consisting of 10 members to work to collaborate with Massachusetts higher learning and research organizations and those in commercial and recreational fisheries in the Commonwealth to produce research to inform fisheries management by the state and federal governments. (No general or session laws cited).
Status: Senate Committee on Ways and Means (SWM)
Complete 01/16/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
10/27/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/5/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture B-1)
02/16/16 - S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
02/22/16 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means

SB881 - An Act allowing local wetlands bylaw decisions to be appealed to land court

Sponsor: Sen. Moore, Michael (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Ashe, Brian (D); Rep. Frost, Paul (R); Rep. Walsh, Chris (D); Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)
Summary: Amends GL 249:4, the statute governing actions in the nature of certiorari, to additionally allow matters involving the wetlands protection act or municipal wetlands ordinances, by-laws, or regulations to be brought in the supreme judicial or superior court if not otherwise reviewable by motion or by appeal.
Status: Joint Committee on Judiciary (JJU)
Complete 01/15/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
05/06/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 1:00pm - Joint Committee on Judiciary A-2)

SB1405 - An Act relative to harbormasters

Sponsor: Sen. O'Connor Ives, Kathleen (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Amends GL32:3, the statute governing Membership in Public Retirement Systems, to allow a municipality to place its harbormaster in Group 4, if the harbormaster is certified by the harbormaster training council.
Status: Senate Committee on Ways and Means (SWM)
Complete 01/15/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Service
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
09/09/15 - Hearing Scheduled (9/15/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Public Service B-1)
02/23/16 - S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Service
02/23/16 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means

SB1595 - An Act to support commercial fishing

Sponsor: Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)
Cosponsors: Former Rep. Fennell, Robert (D) ; Former Sen. Hedlund, Robert (R) ; Rep. Cantwell, James

(D); Rep. DeLeo, Robert (D); Rep. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret (D); Sen. Humason, Donald (R); Sen. Ross, Richard (R); Sen. deMacedo, Viriato (Vinny) (R)

Summary: Amends GL 64H6 relative to exemptions from the sales tax to add as a specific exemption the nets, dredges, lines, hooks, traps, wires, and any components, as well as any fish or natural or artificial material to be utilized as bait by commercial fishermen.

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue (JRV)

Complete 01/16/15 - S - Filed in the Senate

History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
07/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (7/21/15 10:00 am - Joint Committee on Revenue A-1)

SB1690 - An Act for a mixed use redevelopment of state pier to enhance economic development of the New Bedford waterfront and downtown

Sponsor: Sen. Montigny, Mark (D)

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Directs the commissioner of DCAMM to solicit a nationwide request for proposals for a unique and extraordinary opportunity to transform the state pier into a vibrant public area. Directs what kinds of uses the area should be developed for.

Status: Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight (JSA)

Complete 01/16/15 - S - Filed in the Senate

History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
11/04/15 - Hearing Scheduled (11/9/15 10:00 am - Joint Committee on State Administration & Regulatory Oversight A-2)

SB1692 - An Act designating a certain state facility in the city of New Bedford as the New Bedford marine commerce terminal

Sponsor: Sen. Montigny, Mark (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Cabral, Antonio (D)

Summary: Designates the facility established by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Center on certain parcels of land in the city of New Bedford as the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal; describes the parcels. No general or session laws cited.

Status: Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight (JSA)

Complete 01/16/15 - S - Filed in the Senate

History: 04/15/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
05/01/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/6/15 11:00am - Joint Committee on State Administration & Regulatory Oversight B-2)

SB1973 - An Act providing for the establishment of a comprehensive adaptation management plan in response to climate change

Sponsor: Senate Ways and Means

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: Enacts a new Chapter 21P (Comprehensive Adaptation Management Planning in Response to Climate Change) in the General Laws. The new chapter would require the adoption a Comprehensive Adaptation Management Action Plan under which all certificates, licenses, permits, authorizations, grants, financial obligations, projects, plans, actions, and approvals for any proposed projects, uses, or activities in and by the Commonwealth must be consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the adopted plan. The bill also establishes a comprehensive adaptation management action plan advisory commission to assist the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Secretary of Public Safety and Security in developing the comprehensive adaptation management plan. The Advisory Commission is to prepare a report identifying how the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs can support existing adaptation, resilience and hazard mitigation efforts of state agencies, such as the StormSmart Coasts program at the office of Coastal Zone Management; to make recommendations of new actions that may be implemented immediately using existing state

agency legal authority; to identify unilateral actions that can be taken by the Executive Branch to increase climate adaptation, resilience and hazard mitigation. Each state agency, state authority and public utility must develop and update at least once every 10 years a vulnerability assessment for their portfolio of assets based on the relative scientific information collected by the comprehensive adaptation management action plan advisory commission. The bill also establishes a regional comprehensive climate change adaptation management action plan grant program to provide financial assistance to regional planning agencies to develop and implement comprehensive adaptation management action plans at the regional level of government. This plan is to be updated every 10 years. (New draft of SB451. The new draft is a significant rewrite of the original bill.)

Status: Passed in the Senate (PASS/S)
Complete 07/21/15 - S - Recommended new draft of SB451
History: 07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (7/31 - Amendment #2 - Sen. Tarr)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #5 - Sen. Pacheco)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #6 - Sen. Tarr)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #7 - Sen. Tarr)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #8 - Sen. Tarr)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (9/29 - Amendment #9 - Sen. Tarr)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #10 - Sen. Tarr)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #11 - Sen. Tarr)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (38/0 - Amendment #12 - Sen. Tarr)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #13 - Sen. Tarr)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #16 - Sen. Tarr)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #17 - Sen. Tarr)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #20 - Sen. Keenan)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #1 - Sen. Eldridge)
07/23/15 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #18 - Sen. Downing)
07/23/15 - S - New draft of SB451
07/23/15 - S - Ordered to a third reading
07/23/15 - S - Passed to be engrossed (37/0)
07/23/15 - S - Printed-as-amended version - see SB1979

SB2058 - An Act providing for the establishment of a comprehensive adaptation management plan in response to climate change

Sponsor: Sen. Downing, Benjamin (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)

Summary: In general the bill provides for changes in the net metering credits that customers of electric utilities may receive for providing electricity to the grid through the use of solar energy.

In particular, the bill defines market net metering credits as the basic service kilowatt-hour charge in the ISO-NE load zone where the customer is located (with certain provisos built into the definition relative to low income customers); it establishes that upon a determination by the Department of Energy Resources that the aggregate nameplate capacity of installed solar generating facilities in the Commonwealth is equal to or greater than 1,600 megawatts, the Department must certify the date that capacity has been reached and provide a date of notification that all new Class I, Class II and Class III solar net metering facilities in commercial operation after that date will be allowed to generate market net metering credits only; it increases from 4% to 6% the aggregate net metering capacity of private (i.e. nongovernmental) customers as a per cent of the distribution company's peak load, and it increases from 5% to 7% the aggregate net metering capacity of governmental customers as a per cent of the distribution company's peak load.

Further, the bill authorizes distribution companies to submit proposals for a monthly minimum reliability contribution to be included on electric bills for distribution utility accounts that receive Class I, Class II, Class III, or market net metering credits, and authorizes the Department to approve a proposal for a monthly minimum reliability contribution after the aggregate nameplate capacity of installed solar generating facilities in the Commonwealth is equal to or greater than

1,600 megawatts; authorizes the Department to exempt or modify any monthly minimum reliability contribution for low income ratepayers; grandfathers in any renewable energy generating source using solar photovoltaic or solar thermal electric energy that has previously qualified for the renewable energy portfolio standard; and requires the Department of Energy Resources to adopt rules and regulations that lower the cost of the Commonwealth's solar incentive programs for the ratepayers of the commonwealth, but only as applied to new solar generating facilities that become operational after the aggregate nameplate capacity of solar generating facilities in the Commonwealth is equal to or greater than 1,600 megawatts. In addition, the Department of Energy Resources is to develop a statewide solar incentive program to encourage the continued development of solar renewable energy generating sources by residential, commercial, governmental and industrial electricity customers.

(New draft of HB3854, the House Ways & Means text of the bill. Please note that the Senate had previously engrossed a bill on the same topic -- SB1979 -- but that this bill is a scaled back compromise to go along with what the House had produced. Changes from the House bill, other than technical and grammatical changes include the omission of the House provisions that increases from 25 to 35 the limit of megawatts that an electric utility can have as part of a solar energy construction project, and the 6 month date shift for DPU approval for cost recovery plans; and the omission of the House provisions monthly reliability contributions.)

Status: Filed in the Senate (FILE/S)
Complete 11/18/15 - S - Text of amendment(s) offered to SB1979
History:

SD2054 - An Act to revitalize the Commonwealth's waterfronts

Sponsor: Former Sen. Petruccelli, Anthony (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: No Summary
Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)
Complete 04/29/15 - S - Filed in the Senate
History: 04/30/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Rules
06/18/15 - S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture