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Budget Bills:

HB2 - An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2017

We testified with concerns about the provisions regarding boating excise taxes

Sponsor: Governor

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: The Governor's budget submission for fiscal year 2017 proposes to spend \$37,208,448,194 in direct appropriations, \$535,187,161 in chargebacks, \$603,689,521 in retained revenue, and \$1,741,305,339 in consolidated transfers for a subtotal of \$40,088,630,215. In addition, the proposal includes \$2,485,382,614 in federal grant spending, bringing the appropriated subtotal up to \$42,574,012,829. Finally, there is \$12,133,627,886 in trust and other spending (the so-called "off budget" spending, which is not appropriated for), bringing the grand total for both appropriated and non-appropriated state spending to \$54,707,640,715. (Please note that the Governor gets to his \$39,553,443 figure by excluding federal grants, trust spending and budgetary non-tax revenue.)

The Governor's budget increases Chapter 70 education funding by \$72.1 million, supporting \$18.6 million for a redesigned quality kindergarten grant program to assist communities in achieving tuition-free, full-day kindergarten, and by adding over \$20 million to a revised charter school reimbursement formula and adding \$5.6 million for developing a next generation MCAS by \$5.6 million.

In the outside sections, the Governor proposes to explicitly authorize MassDOT to sell, lease or otherwise contract for advertising, including on or in its own facilities; expands the "dual enrollment" program by permitting students to enroll in nonprofit, degree-granting career technical institutions, in addition to public colleges; changes the formula by which the amount of benefits under the TAFDC program by increasing the amount of work-related expenses that may be retained by the recipient from \$150 to \$200 per month; establishes the MassHealth Delivery System Reform and SANE Trust Funds; equalizes the GIC contribution ratio at 25% for all employees, regardless of date of hire; streamlines the laboratory analysis of cocaine; expands MassHealth's ability to recover benefits paid on behalf of a deceased beneficiary, by allowing for the recovery of non-probate assets and the costs of Medicare Part D pharmacy payments made to the federal government, consistent with federal law; increases the acute hospital assessment to support delivery system reform and increased Medicaid reimbursements to acute hospitals and makes other changes designed to reform the MassHealth delivery system; eliminates the April 15 statutory date by which the MBTA must submit its final budget to the MBTA Advisory Board; expands the housing court's jurisdiction, so that the court would sit in all parts of the state; keeps \$44 million of room occupancy taxes available for on-budget expenditures, rather than transferring those taxes to the off-budget Tourism Trust Fund; authorizes line-item transfers inside the Trial Court system; authorizes the use of debt service reversions to pay for OPEB funding; authorizes the Inspector General's Office to conduct audits of the Health Safety Net and the MassHealth program; dedicates any licensing fees that are collected in fiscal year 2017 as a result of licensing a Class 1 casino in Region C, under the gaming law, to the Stabilization Fund, after \$8.5 million of those fees is transferred to the Community Mitigation Fund; requires the Comptroller to transfer up to \$110,000,000 from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund to the General Fund; requires a transfer of up to \$10 million from any consolidated net surplus in fiscal year 2016 to the Community Preservation Trust Fund, and up to \$10 million to the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, before the remaining funds are deposited into the Stabilization Fund; requires the Comptroller to transfer all capital gains tax collections that are above \$1.278 billion to the Stabilization Fund in fiscal year 2017;

freezes the rates of special education providers at the same price as FY2016, except for those programs that qualify for "extraordinary relief" under Operational Service Division regulations; makes initial gross payments to qualifying acute care hospitals; authorizes MassHealth to increase the current nursing facilities assessment up to the maximum amount allowed under federal law, but not more than \$240 million, in order to support higher nursing home payments; requires each city or town, charter school or regional school district that assumes responsibility for a child admitted to the Massachusetts Hospital School to reimburse the Commonwealth for services provided by the school as described in the child's special education plan; authorizes a one-time transfer from three community health center trusts and the mental health information system trust to the General Fund; authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to restructure MassHealth benefits to the extent permitted by federal law; authorizes payments to be made to acute care hospitals and community health centers from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund in hospital year 2017; changes the charter school funding formula; provides transitional rules for spending Western Turnpike revenues in the event that the existing notes and bonds relating to the Western Turnpike are paid off; and includes several standard outside sections that are routine included every year, as well as a couple of additional studies.

Status:
Complete
History:

House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)
01/27/16 - H - Filed in the House
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)
04/13/16 - H - Reported by committee in part - see HB4200

HB4200 - An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2017

Sponsor: House Ways and Means

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: The House Ways & Means version of the budget appropriates \$42,653,668,040 in 1126 line-items. Large items include \$5.4 billion for managed care plans for MassHealth; \$4.6 billion for Chapter 70 payments to cities, towns, and regional school districts; \$3.5 billion for senior care plans for MassHealth; \$2.4 billion for MassHealth fee for services; \$2.1 billion for consolidated long-term debt service; \$2.1 billion for ACA expansion populations; \$1.6 billion for the Commonwealth's share of GIC premium and plan costs; \$1.1 billion for adult long term residential services; \$1.0 billion for unrestricted general government local aid; \$569.1 million for Department of Correction facilities; \$508.2 million for the University of Massachusetts; \$462.0 million for the Medical Assistance Trust Fund; \$450.0 million for the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund; \$382.6 million for adult community mental health services; \$372.3 million for Medicare Part D phased down contribution; \$347.9 million for MassHealth nursing home supplemental rates; \$333.3 million for MassHealth family assistance plans; \$327.6 million for the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund; \$287.9 million for special education grants; \$285.8 million for Department of State Police administration; \$282.7 million for guardianship, foster care, adoption, family preservation and kinship services; \$276.6 million for non-educational cost of residential school programs; \$265.1 million for DCF congregate care services; and \$252.4

million for income-eligible early education programs.

Status: Passed in the House (PASS/H)

Complete: 04/13/16 - H - Reported by committee in part of HB2

History: 04/13/16 - H - Reported favorably by committee on House Ways and Means

04/13/16 - H - Order adopted - see HB4199

04/13/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling

04/13/16 - H - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session (4/25/2016)

04/25/16 - House Session (4/25/16 10:00 AM House Chamber)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #814 - Rep. Cutler)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #26 - Rep. Cutler)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) offered (Amendment #449 - Rep. Jones)

04/25/16 - H - Further amendment(s) adopted (114/38 - Amendment #449.1 - Rep. Kulik)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #449 - Rep. Jones)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) offered (Amendment #612 - Rep. Lyons)

04/25/16 - H - Further amendment(s) adopted (112/42 - Amendment #612.1 - Rep. Kulik)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #612 - Rep. Lyons)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #795 - Rep. Scaccia)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1090 - Rep. Scaccia)

04/25/16 - H - Ordered to a third reading

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (35/120 - Amendment #443 - Rep. Jones)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #13 - Rep. Day)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #249 - Rep. Speliotis)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #465 - Rep. Ferrante)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #585 - Rep. Fernandes)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #3 - Rep. Lawn)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #658 - Rep. Cusack)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #657 - Rep. Cusack)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #508 - Rep. Benson)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #457 - Rep. Bradley)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #33 - Rep. Whelan)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1262 - Rep. Timilty)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #107 - Rep. Hunt)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #1031 - Rep. Fox)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #383 - Rep. Jones)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (37/118 - Amendment #427 - Rep. Jones)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (34/118 - Amendment #608 - Rep. Lyons)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment A: Education and Local Aid (156/0)

04/25/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment B: Constitutional Officers, State Administration, and Transportation (158/0)

04/25/16 - House Session (4/26/16 10:00 AM House Chamber)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment D: Social Services and Veterans (149/0)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment C: Energy and Environmental Affairs (153/0)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #143 - Rep. McMurtry)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #630 - Rep. Kafka)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) offered (Amendment #1130 - Rep. Balsler)

04/26/16 - H - Further amendment(s) adopted thus precluding a vote (Amendment #1130.1 - Rep. Michewicz)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment E: Housing, Mental Health and Disability Services (155/0)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (157/0 - Amendment #458 - Rep. Jones)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #653 - Rep. Galvin)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #117 - Rep. Howitt)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #389 - Rep. Jones)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #397 - Rep. Jones)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (38/116 - Amendment #685 - Rep. Lyons)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed - Consolidated Amendment F: Public Health (157/0)

04/26/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment G: Health and Human

Services and Elder Affairs (158/0)

04/26/16 - House Session (4/27/16 10:00 AM House Chamber)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #854 - Rep. Kocot)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #301 - Rep. Kaufman)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #837 - Rep. Stanley)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #645 - Rep. Lyons)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #639 - Rep. Lyons)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #613 - Rep. Lyons)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #445 - Rep. Jones)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #255 - Rep. Hill)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #805 - Rep. Ferguson)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment H: Public Safety and Judiciary (159/0)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #915 - Rep. Dizoglio)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #626 - Rep. Madden)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #729 - Rep. Linsky)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #1260 - Rep. Cantwell)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #152 - Rep. Haddad)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #646 - Rep. Lyons)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) offered (Amendment #409 - Rep. Jones)

04/27/16 - H - Further amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #409.1 - Rep.

Farley-Bouvier)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #409 - Rep. Jones)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted - Consolidated Amendment I: Labor and Economic Development (157/0)

04/27/16 - H - Amendment(s) adopted as changed (Amendment #1293 - Rep. Dempsey)

04/27/16 - H - Passed to be engrossed (156/0)

04/27/16 - H - Printed-as-amended version - see HB4201

HB4201 - An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2017

Sponsor: House Bills in Third Reading

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: The House-engrossed "printed as amended" budget for FY 2017 appropriates \$42,749,965,821 in 1177 line-items. This includes \$36,764,838,582 in direct appropriations, \$539,061,919 in chargebacks, \$569,539,213 in retained revenue, \$480,208,985 in reserve accounts, \$1,738,730,339 in operating transfers, and \$2,657,586,783 in federal grants. (Please note that the "\$39.56 billion" budget reported in the press only adds up if you don't count chargebacks and federal grants, which are both part of the appropriated budget.)

Large items include \$5.4 billion for managed care plans for MassHealth; \$4.6 billion for Chapter 70 payments to cities, towns, and regional school districts; \$3.5 billion for senior care plans for MassHealth; \$2.4 billion for MassHealth fee for services; \$2.1 billion for consolidated long-term debt service; \$2.1 billion for ACA expansion populations; \$1.6 billion for the Commonwealth's share of GIC premium and plan costs; \$1.1 billion for adult long term residential services; \$1.0 billion for unrestricted general government local aid; \$569.1 million for Department of Correction facilities; \$508.2 million for the University of Massachusetts; \$462.0 million for the Medical Assistance Trust Fund; \$450.0 million for the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund; \$382.6 million for adult community mental health services; \$372.3 million for Medicare Part D phased down contribution; \$347.9 million for MassHealth nursing home supplemental rates; \$333.3 million for MassHealth family assistance plans; \$327.6 million for the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund; \$287.9 million for special education grants; \$285.8 million for Department of State Police administration; \$282.7 million for guardianship, foster care, adoption, family preservation and kinship services; \$276.6 million for non-educational cost of residential school programs; \$265.1 million for DCF congregate care services; and \$252.4 million for income-eligible early education programs.

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

Complete 05/03/16 - H - Printed-as-amended version of HB4200

History: 05/05/16 - S - Received in the Senate

05/05/16 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means

05/17/16 - S - Reported favorably as amended by Senate Committee on Ways & Means

05/17/16 - S - New text recommended - see SB4
05/17/16 - S - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session (5/24/2016)
05/19/16 - Senate Session (5/24/16 10:00 AM Senate Chamber)
05/24/16 - Senate Session (5/25/16 10:00 AM Senate Chamber)
05/25/16 - Senate Session (5/26/16 10:00 AM Senate Chamber)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Senate Ways and Means)
05/26/16 - S - New text substituted - see SB4
05/26/16 - S - Ordered to a third reading
05/26/16 - S - Passed to be engrossed (38/0)
06/02/16 - H - Non-concurred in Senate amendment(s)
06/02/16 - H - Conference committee appointed (Reps. Dempsey, Kulik, Smola)
06/02/16 - S - Insists on its amendment(s)
06/02/16 - S - Conference committee appointed (Sens. Spilka, DiDomenico, deMacedo)

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:

SB4 - An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2017

Sponsor: Senate Ways and Means

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: The Senate Ways & Means version of the budget appropriates \$42,600,707,208 in 1185 line-items. That includes \$36,741,683,964 in direct appropriations, \$540,454,313 in chargebacks, \$464,925,410 in reserve accounts, \$569,432,872 in retained revenue, \$2,548,070,311 in federal grants, and \$1,736,140,338 in operating transfers. (Please note that the "\$39.497 billion" budget reported in the press only adds up if you don't count chargebacks and federal grants, which are both part of the appropriated budget.)

Large items include \$5.4 billion for Managed Care Plans for MassHealth, \$4.6 billion for Chapter 70 Payments to Cities, Towns, and Regional School Districts, \$3.5 billion for Senior Care Plans for MassHealth, \$2.4 billion for MassHealth Fee for Service, \$2.1 billion for Consolidated Long-Term Debt Service, \$2.1 billion for ACA Expansion Populations, \$1.6 billion for the Commonwealth's share Group Insurance Premium and Plan Costs, \$1.1 billion for Adult Long

Term Residential Services, \$1.0 billion for Unrestricted General Government Local Aid, \$568.7 million for Department of Correction Facilities, \$521.2 million for the University of Massachusetts, \$462.0 million for the Medical Assistance Trust Fund, \$445.0 million for the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund, \$378.6 million for Adult Community Mental Health Services, \$372.3 million for the Medicare Part D Phased Down Contribution, \$333.3 million for the MassHealth Family Assistance Plan, \$332.9 million for MassHealth Nursing Home Supplemental Rates, and \$328.3 million for the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund.
Filed in the Senate (FILE/S)

Status:

Complete

History:

05/17/16 - S - Recommended new text of HB4201
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #3 - Sen. Brownsberger)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #4 - Sen. Brownsberger)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #5 - Sen. Wolf)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #7 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #13 - Sen. Wolf)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #14 - Sen. Montigny)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #16 - Sen. Barrett)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #17 - Sen. Donoghue)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #23 - Sen. Montigny)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #30 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (7/31 - Amendment #31 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (10/28 - Amendment #33 - Sen. Ross)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #34 - Sen. Montigny)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #35 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #44 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (6/32 - Amendment #45 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #51 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #54 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #60 - Sen. Ross)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #64 - Sen. DeMacedo)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (39/0 - Amendment #67 - Sen. Montigny)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (38/0 - Amendment #68 - Sen. Fattman)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #69 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #70 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #71 - Sen. Ross)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #74 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #76 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #77 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #78 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #79 - Sen. Rush)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (39/0 - Amendment #80 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #83 - Sen. Fattman)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #85 - Sen. Donoghue)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #86 - Sen. Donoghue)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #90 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #91 - Sen. McGee)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #93 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #94 - Sen. Lovely)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #113 - Sen. Brady)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #114 - Sen. Brady)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (6/32 - Amendment #118 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #124 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #126 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #127 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #133 - Sen. Moore)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #136 - Sen. Moore)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #140 - Sen. Gobi)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #141 - Sen. Moore)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #142 - Sen. Brownsberger)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #144 - Sen. McGee)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #146 - Sen. Brownsberger)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #148 - Sen. Eldridge)

05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #149 - Sen. Lesser)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (38/0 - Amendment #150 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #151 - Sen. Montigny)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #152 - Sen. Moore)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #155 - Sen. Wolf)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #156 - Sen. Wolf)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #157 - Sen. Montigny)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #158 - Sen. Donoghue)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #159 - Sen. Donoghue)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #161 - Sen. Donoghue)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #163 - Sen. Rush)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #165 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #166 - Sen. Moore)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #167 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #168 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #170 - Sen. Fattman)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #172 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (37/0 - Amendment #174 - Sen. Gobi)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #176 - Sen. McGee)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #183 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #185 - Sen. Forry)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #186 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #187 - Sen. McGee)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #188 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #189 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #190 - Sen. Lovely)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #191 - Sen. Lovely)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #197 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #199 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #200 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #207 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #209 - Sen. Wolf)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #213 - Sen. Forry)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #215 - Sen. Forry)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #218 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #221 - Sen. Ross)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #227 - Sen. Brady)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #230 - Sen. Keenan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #231 - Sen. Jehlen)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #232 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #233 - Sen. Ross)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (37/0 - Amendment #234 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #238 - Sen. Downing)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #239 - Sen. Downing)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #240 - Sen. DeMacedo)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #249 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (8/30 - Amendment #251 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #254 - Sen. O'Connor)
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05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #256 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #263 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #264 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #266 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #267 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #268 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #269 - Sen. Moore)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #272 - Sen. Welch)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #273 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #274 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #275 - Sen. Keenan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #276 - Sen. Timilty)

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05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #278 - Sen. Timilty)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #280 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #292 - Sen. Keenan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #293 - Sen. Keenan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #294 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #295 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #296 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #297 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #300 - Sen. Barrett)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #302 - Sen. Gobi)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #303 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #304 - Sen. Lovely)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #306 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #309 - Sen. Rush)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #310 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #311 - Sen. DeMacedo)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #314 - Sen. Keenan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #316 - Sen. Barrett)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #321 - Sen. Ross)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #322 - Sen. Barrett)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #323 - Sen. Keenan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #324 - Sen. Brady)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #326 - Sen. Brady)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #330 - Sen. Creem)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (8/30 - Amendment #331 - Sen. Ross)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #332 - Sen. DeMacedo)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (35/3 - Amendment #333 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #334 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #336 - Sen. Welch)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #337 - Sen. DeMacedo)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #338 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #341 - Sen. Creem)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #343 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #344 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #345 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #348 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #349 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #350 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #351 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #352 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) offered (Amendment #354 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Further amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #354.1 - Sen. Barrett)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #354 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #355 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #356 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #357 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #358 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #359 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #360 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #361 - Sen. Moore)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #362 - Sen. Moore)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #363 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #365 - Sen. Moore)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #366 - Sen. Moore)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #367 - Sen. Moore)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #369 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #371 - Sen. Welch)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (39/0 - Amendment #372 - Sen. Welch)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #373 - Sen. Lewis)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #378 - Sen. Flanagan)

05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #379 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #380 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (39/0 - Amendment #381 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #382 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #383 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #385 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #386 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #387 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #388 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #389 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #390 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #392 - Sen. Brownsberger)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #393 - Sen. Brownsberger)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #394 - Sen. Creem)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (38/0 - Amendment #395 - Sen. Creem)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #397 - Sen. Keenan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #398 - Sen. Timilty)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #399 - Sen. Timilty)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #400 - Sen. Keenan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #401 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #403 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #404 - Sen. Lesser)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #407 - Sen. Donnelly)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #408 - Sen. Donnelly)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #409 - Sen. Tarr)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #410 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #411 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #413 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/24/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (39/0 - Amendment #414 - Sen. Montigny)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (39/0 - Amendment #479 - Sen. Chandler)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #480 - Sen. Lovely)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #482 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #486 - Sen. Rush)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #488 - Sen. Rush)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #496 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #502 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #503 - Sen. Rush)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #509 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #513 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #514 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #515 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #516 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #517 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #518 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #522 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #525 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #528 - Sen. Barrett)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #529 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #570 - Sen. Wolf)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #578 - Sen. Tarr)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #579 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #589 - Sen. Humason)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #603 - Sen. Creem)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #623 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #630 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #633 - Sen. Tarr)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #639 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (38/1 - Amendment #642 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Bundle A - Yes)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Bundle B - No)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #644 - Sen. Welch)

05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #649 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #652 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #654 - Sen. Tarr)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #659 - Sen. Lewis)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #667 - Sen. Moore)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (32/6 - Amendment #668 - Sen. Lewis)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #675 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #676 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #678 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #690 - Sen. Timilty)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #695 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #697 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #698 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #701 - Sen. Tarr)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #710 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #711 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #717 - Sen. Tarr)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #728 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #732 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #734 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #739 - Sen. Tarr)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #741 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #742 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #743 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #744 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #759 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #776 - Sen. Lovely)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #783 - Sen. Forry)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #789 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #790 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #791 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #792 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #795 - Sen. Forry)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #810 - Sen. Forry)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #822 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #827 - Sen. Humason)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #829 - Sen. Humason)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #835 - Sen. Humason)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #836 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #842 - Sen. Tarr)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #851 - Sen. Downing)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #853 - Sen. Downing)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #855 - Sen. Donoghue)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #884 - Sen. Timilty)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (38/0 - Amendment #887 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #888 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #892 - Sen. Tarr)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #897 - Sen. Wolf)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #902 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (29/9 - Amendment #903 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (18/20 - Amendment #905 - Sen. Tarr)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #909 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #915 - Sen. Wolf)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #921 - Sen. Lovely)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #925 - Sen. Lovely)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #632 - Sen. Boncore)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #856 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #931 - Sen. Timilty)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #933 - Sen. Brady)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #935 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #970 - Sen. Lesser)

05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #985 - Sen. Donnelly)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #990 - Sen. Welch)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #993 - Sen. Lesser)
05/25/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #996 - Sen. Lesser)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) offered (Amendment #236 - Sen. Fattman)
05/26/16 - S - Further amendment(s) adopted (36/0 - Amendment #236.1 - Sen. Moore)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #236 - Sen. Fattman)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Bundle C - Yes)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Bundle D - No)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (31/7 - Amendment #1005 - Sen. Brownsberger)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) offered (Amendment #1017 - Sen. Lewis)
05/26/16 - S - Further amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #1017.1 - Sen. Fattman)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #1017 - Sen. Lewis)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (39/0 - Amendment #1142 - Sen. Lesser)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (34/5 - Amendment #1146 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) offered (Amendment #1129 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Further amendment(s) adopted (25/13 - Amendment #1129.1 - Sen. McGee)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #1129 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #10 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #12 - Sen. Donoghue)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #561 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #581 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #25 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #63 - Sen. Montigny)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #120 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #131 - Sen. Moore)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #171 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (37/0 - Amendment #173 - Sen. Fattman)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #195 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #198 - Sen. Timilty)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #202 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #211 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #214 - Sen. Joyce)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #235 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #248 - Sen. Ross)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #252 - Sen. Fattman)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (15/23 - Amendment #257 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #259 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #281 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (38/0 - Amendment #283 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #285 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #286 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (38/0 - Amendment #289 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (11/26 - Amendment #308 - Sen. Fattman)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (6/31 - Amendment #312 - Sen. DeMacedo)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (37/1 - Amendment #315 - Sen. Lesser)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #412 - Sen. Donnelly)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #317 - Sen. Joyce)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #419 - Sen. Brownsberger)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (37/0 - Amendment #427 - Sen. Gobi)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #433 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #459 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #460 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #462 - Sen. O'Connor Ives)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #467 - Sen. Lovely)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #470 - Sen. Lovely)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #481 - Sen. Lovely)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #511 - Sen. Keenan)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #519 - Sen. Tarr)

05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #527 - Sen. Forry)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #532 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #536 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #543 - Sen. Joyce)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #544 - Sen. Joyce)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #545 - Sen. Joyce)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #549 - Sen. Joyce)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #562 - Sen. DeMacedo)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (37/0 - Amendment #564 - Sen. Ross)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #585 - Sen. Flanagan)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #610 - Sen. Keenan)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #629 - Sen. Pacheco)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (37/0 - Amendment #631 - Sen. Montigny)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #634 - Sen. Downing)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #638 - Sen. Welch)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #196 - Sen. Rush)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #656 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #666 - Sen. Moore)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (37/0 - Amendment #706 - Sen. Eldridge)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #761 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (37/0 - Amendment #767 - Sen. Lovely)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #769 - Sen. Wolf)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #779 - Sen. Forry)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #832 - Sen. Barrett)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #823 - Sen. Lesser)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #780 - Sen. Forry)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #782 - Sen. Forry)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #804 - Sen. Forry)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #965 - Sen. Forry)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (37/0 - Amendment #973 - Sen. Downing)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #981 - Sen. Gobi)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (37/0 - Amendment #1000 - Sen. Creem)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (37/0 - Amendment #1021 - Sen. Moore)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #1038 - Sen. Donnelly)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #1051 - Sen. Rush)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1054 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #1093 - Sen. Forry)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (17/20 - Amendment #1098 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #1104 - Sen. Lewis)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1152 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1154 - Sen. Timilty)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1162 - Sen. Humason)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #1167 - Sen. O'Connor)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #205 - Sen. Lewis)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #844 - Sen. Pacheco)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (36/0 - Amendment #164 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #177 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #426 - Sen. Chang-Diaz)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (38/0 - Amendment #429 - Sen. Wolf)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) offered (Amendment #469 - Sen. Lovely)
05/26/16 - S - Further amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #469.2 - Sen. Jehlen)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #469 - Sen. Lovely)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #597 - Sen. L'Italien)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #802 - Sen. Forry)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #614 - Sen. Creem)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #941 - Sen. Joyce)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #1032 - Sen. Timilty)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #1061 - Sen. Rodrigues)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #1087 - Sen. Timilty)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (38/0 - Amendment #19 - Sen. Montigny)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Amendment #72 - Sen. Spilka)

05/26/16 - S - Motion to reconsider prevailed (Amendment #1098 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted as amended (37/1 - Amendment #1098 - Sen. Tarr)
05/26/16 - S - New text of HB4201
05/26/16 - S - Printed-as-amended version - see SB2305

SB2305 - An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2017

Sponsor: Senate Bills in Third Reading

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: The Senate-engrossed "printed as amended" budget for FY 2017 appropriates \$42,661,816,715 in 1198 line-items. This includes \$36,799,387,765 in direct appropriations, \$540,454,313 in chargebacks, \$465,950,410 in reserve accounts, \$569,477,872 in retained revenue; \$2,548,170,311 in federal grants, and \$1,738,376,044 in operating transfers.

(Please note that the "\$39.57 billion" budget reported in the press only adds up if you don't count chargebacks and federal grants, which are both part of the appropriated budget.)

Large items include \$5.4 billion for Managed Care Plans for MassHealth, \$4.6 billion for Chapter 70 Payments to Cities, Towns, and Regional School Districts, \$3.5 billion for Senior Care Plans for MassHealth, \$2.4 billion for MassHealth Fee for Service, \$2.1 billion for Consolidated Long-Term Debt Service, \$2.1 billion for ACA Expansion Populations, \$1.6 billion for the Commonwealth's share Group Insurance Premium and Plan Costs, \$1.1 billion for Adult Long Term Residential Services, \$1.0 billion for Unrestricted General Government Local Aid, \$568.7 million for Department of Correction Facilities, \$521.2 million for the University of Massachusetts, \$462.0 million for the Medical Assistance Trust Fund, \$445.0 million for the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund, \$378.6 million for Adult Community Mental Health Services, \$372.3 million for the Medicare Part D Phased Down Contribution, \$333.3 million for the MassHealth Family Assistance Plan, \$332.9 million for MassHealth Nursing Home Supplemental Rates, and \$328.3 million for the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund.

Status: Filed in the Senate (FILE/S)

Complete: 05/26/16 - S - Printed-as-amended version of SB4

History:

BOATING EXCISE TAX BILLS

BIG bills 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 and now outright oppose the new registration provisions. Major meetings with the Baker Administration, Senator Tarr, Senate Ways and Means, Representative Straus, and upcoming meeting with Speaker DeLeo about this bill.

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 and now outright oppose the new registration provisions. Major meetings with the Baker Administration, Senator Tarr, Senate Ways and Means, Representative Straus, and upcoming meeting with Speaker DeLeo about this bill.

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) regarding excise taxes:

HB3908 - An Act to modernize municipal finance and government

We testified with concerns about the provisions regarding boat 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 History: 12/17/15 - H - Filed in the House (Sections 31-35, 42-47, 56, 95, 101-183, 221 and 242-249) - 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, amended to include "three consecutive months of the summer..." language and "the sales tax shall not be presumed to be owed" language, but we seek to kill the new registration requirements completely

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, deal 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.

Status: Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)
Complete History: 12/17/15 - H - Filed in the House (Sections 184-200) - see HB3905
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)
03/16/16 - H - Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Transportation
05/11/16 - H - New draft substituted - see HB4275

HB4275 - An Act relative to modernize municipal finance and government

Redraft of HB 3910, which we testified with concerns about the provisions regarding boating excise taxes, amended to include “three consecutive months of the summer...” language and “the sales tax shall not be presumed to be owed” language, but we now seek to kill the new registration requirements completely

Sponsor: Joint Committee on Transportation

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, deal 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. (New draft of HB3910. The new draft makes primarily technical and grammatical changes to the bill.)

Status: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)

Complete 05/11/16 - H - New draft of HB3910

History: 05/11/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

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 10:30 am - 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 10:30 am - 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 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

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)
03/11/16 - S - Accompanied study order

OTHER BILLS THE MMTA HAS TESTIFIED ON

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

We submitted a rewrite

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: House Committee on Rules (HRU)
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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Room 437)
03/11/16 - H - Extension order filed (4/4/16)
05/05/16 - H - Discharged and referred to House Committee on Rules
05/16/16 - S - Concurred in committee referral

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/11/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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)
03/17/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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

We testified in support of 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 9:00 am - Joint Committee on Revenue B-1)
03/17/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)

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)

03/16/16 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Transportation
05/02/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

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

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

Redraft of HB 2689, which we testified in support of

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)
03/08/16 - House Session (3/9/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
03/22/16 - House Session (3/23/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
03/30/16 - House Session (3/30/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
04/06/16 - House Session (4/6/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
04/12/16 - House Session (4/13/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
05/11/16 - House Session (5/11/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
05/24/16 - House Session (5/25/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
05/31/16 - House Session (6/1/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)

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

We testified in support of 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: Senate Committee on Rules (SRU)
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)
03/10/16 - S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Transportation
03/10/16 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Rules

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

We testified in support of 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)
03/17/16 - S - Accompanied study order

SB1979 (Chapter 75 of 2016) - 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: Signed by the Governor (SIGNED)
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)
04/05/16 - S - Conference committee recommended substituting new draft - see HB4173
04/06/16 - H - Conference committee report accepted (154/1)
04/07/16 - S - Conference committee report accepted
04/07/16 - H - Emergency preamble adopted (3/0)
04/07/16 - S - Emergency preamble adopted (12/0)
04/07/16 - H - Enacted in the House
04/07/16 - S - Enacted in the Senate (35/0)
04/07/16 - G - Laid before the Governor
04/11/16 - G - Signed by the Governor

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:

HB2551 - An Act relative to a 2016 sales tax holiday

We testified in support of this bill, the sales tax holiday is less favored this year than usual

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)
03/17/16 - H - Accompanied study order

HB2556 - An Act relative to a permanent 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. 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)
03/17/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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

We testified in support of this bill

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: 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 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)
03/16/16 - S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
04/19/16 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets

HB2490 - An Act establishing a permanent annual sales tax holiday

We testified in support of this bill, the sales tax holiday is less favored this year than usual

Sponsor: Rep. Dwyer, James (D)
Cosponsors: Former Rep. Cole, Leah (R) ; Rep. Ashe, Brian (D); Rep. Cutler, Josh (D); Rep. Garry, Colleen (D); Rep. Kuros, Kevin (R); Rep. Mirra, Leonard (R); Rep. Orrall, Keiko (R); Rep. Poirier, Elizabeth (R); Rep. Rosa, Dennis (D); Sen. Ross, Richard (R); Sen. Tarr, Bruce (R)
Summary: Directs and authorizes the Commissioner of Revenue to annually designate, by July 15 of each calendar year, a two-day weekend in August for tax exemptions for sales.
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)
03/17/16 - H - Accompanied study order

OTHER HOUSE BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE MMTA

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 11:00 am - Joint Committee on Economic Development & Emerging Technologies B-1)
03/23/16 - H - Accompanied study order - see HB4118

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 1:00 pm - 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 1:00 pm - 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: House Committee on Rules (HRU)
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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Room 437)
03/11/16 - H - Extension order filed (4/4/16)
05/05/16 - H - Discharged and referred to House Committee on Rules
05/16/16 - S - Concurred in committee referral

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

HB638 - An Act expanding pleasure boat access to Boston Harbor

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural
Resources & Agriculture Room 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

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)
03/17/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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)

03/17/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 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)

03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 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)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 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 1:00 pm - 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: Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)
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)
03/11/16 - H - Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture carrying SB400
04/06/16 - H - New draft substituted - see HB4167

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,

Summary: Chris (D); Sen. Lewis, Jason (D); Sen. Moore, Michael (D); Sen. Wolf, Daniel (D)
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: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Room 437)
03/17/16 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture carrying SB433
04/07/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Room 437)
03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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: Senate Committee on Rules (SRU)

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Room 437)

03/04/16 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

03/10/16 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Rules

04/13/16 - S - Order adopted - see SB2226

05/26/16 - S - Returned from review by the Supreme Judicial Court (unable to give 'yes' or 'no' answer) - see SB2303

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: Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee

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)

03/11/16 - H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB667

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)

03/09/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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)

04/20/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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: Senate Committee on Rules (SRU)

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security A-2)

04/20/16 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

04/21/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling

04/25/16 - H - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session

04/25/16 - H - Ordered to a third reading

04/27/16 - H - Passed to be engrossed

04/28/16 - S - Received in the Senate

04/28/16 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Rules

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 10:30 am - Joint Committee on Revenue B-1)

03/17/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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: Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee

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

03/11/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

History: 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)
03/16/16 - H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB1692

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)
03/17/16 - H - Extension order filed (until June 1, 2016)

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-2)
03/11/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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: House Committee on Rules (HRU)
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)
03/16/16 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Transportation
05/02/16 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Rules
06/02/16 - H - Discharged and referred to House Committee on Rules

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)
03/17/16 - H - Accompanied study order

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 29:2111, 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: House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)
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)
03/09/16 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
03/09/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means

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

HB3892 - An Act Authorizing the Nantucket Islands Land Bank to convey certain land held for open space, recreational or conservation purposes to the Town of Nantucket for the same purposes

Sponsor: Rep. Madden, Timothy (D)
Cosponsors: No Cosponsors
Summary: Authorizes the Nantucket Islands Land Bank to convey 11 parcels to the Town of Nantucket for open space, recreational or conservation purposes; describes said parcels.
Status: Passed in the Senate (PASS/S)
Complete 12/01/15 - H - Filed in the House
History: 12/10/15 - H - Referred to Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government
12/14/15 - S - Concurred in committee referral
01/14/16 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government
01/14/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling
01/25/16 - H - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session

01/25/16 - H - Ordered to a third reading
01/26/16 - House Session (1/27/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
02/02/16 - House Session (2/3/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
02/23/16 - House Session (2/24/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
03/08/16 - House Session (3/9/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
03/21/16 - H - Passed to be engrossed
03/24/16 - S - Received in the Senate
03/24/16 - S - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session
03/30/16 - Senate Session (3/31/16 11:00 AM Senate Chamber)
04/06/16 - Senate Session (4/7/16 11:00 AM Senate Chamber)
04/07/16 - S - Ordered to a third reading
04/26/16 - Senate Session (4/28/16 11:00 AM Senate Chamber)
05/04/16 - Senate Session (5/5/16 11:00 AM Senate Chamber)
05/11/16 - Senate Session (5/12/16 11:00 AM Senate Chamber)
05/16/16 - S - Amendment(s) adopted (Sen. Wolf)
05/16/16 - S - Passed to be engrossed
05/24/16 - House Session (5/25/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)
05/31/16 - House Session (6/1/16 11:00 AM House Chamber)

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: Ordered to a third reading in the House (ORD3R/H)

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)

03/16/16 - H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Transportation

05/11/16 - H - Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling

06/02/16 - H - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session

06/02/16 - H - Ordered to a third reading

HD380 - An Act relative to Charlestown's designated port area

Sponsor: Rep. Ryan, Daniel (D)

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: No Summary

Status: Filed in the House (FILE/H)

Complete 01/13/15 - H - Filed in the House

History:

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:

HB4173 - An Act providing for the establishment of a comprehensive adaptation management plan in response to climate change

Sponsor: Conference Committee

Cosponsors: No Cosponsors

Summary: This bill represents the report of the conference committee of the bill that 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; pushes back certain timelines with respect to electric or distribution companies owning and operating generation solar facilities; defines net metering credits as being equal to 60% of the excess kilowatt-hours by time of use billing period, multiplied by the sum of the distribution company's default service kilowatt-hour charge in the ISO-NE load zone where the customer is located, the distribution kilowatt-hour charge the transmission kilowatt-hour charge, and the transition kilowatt-hour charge; increases from 4% to 7% the aggregate net metering capacity of private (i.e. nongovernmental) customers, and from 5% to 8% the aggregate net metering capacity of governmental customers as a per cent of the distribution company's peak load; establishes that upon a determination that the aggregate nameplate capacity of a solar net metering facility is equal to or greater than 1,600 MW direct current, the Department of Energy Resources is to 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 are to generate market net metering credits only. Establishes how a customer of such a company may elect to be billed.

In addition, the bill authorizes the accrual of net metering credits for facilities that are owned or operated by a municipality or other governmental entity; authorizes distribution companies to submit to DPU a monthly minimum reliability contribution to be included on electric bills; establishes that any renewable energy generating source using solar photovoltaic or solar thermal electric energy that has previously qualified for programs pursuant to the renewable energy portfolio standard may continue to be subject to and receive benefits from that program, including the solar carve-out program; and requires the adoption of rules and regulations that lower the cost of the Commonwealth's solar incentive programs for ratepayers.

(Conference Committee report of HB3854 and SB2058. The Conference Report hews closer to the House than Senate engrossed versions of the bill)

Status: Filed in the House (FILE/H)
Complete: 04/05/16 - H - Conference committee report submitted - see SB1979
History:

OTHER SENATE BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE MMTA

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)
03/17/16 - S - Accompanied study order

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)
03/17/16 - S - Accompanied study order

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 10:30 am - Joint Committee on Revenue B-1)
03/17/16 - S - Accompanied study order

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: 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 Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
04/15/15 - H - Concurred in committee referral
05/07/15 - Hearing Scheduled (5/12/15 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Room 437)
03/17/16 - S - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB742

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 1:00 pm - 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)
03/09/16 - S - Accompanied study order

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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture A-1)
03/11/16 - S - Accompanied study order

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.

Summary: Humason, Donald (R); Sen. deMacedo, Viriato (Vinny) (R)
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 1:00 pm - Joint Committee on Judiciary A-2)
04/04/16 - S - Accompanied study order

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)
03/17/16 - S - Accompanied study order

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: Senate Committee on Rules (SRU)
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 11:00 am - Joint Committee on State Administration & Regulatory Oversight B-2)
03/16/16 - S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight carrying HB2718
04/19/16 - S - Referred to Senate Committee on Rules

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 History: 11/18/15 - S - Text of amendment(s) offered to SB1979

SD2054 - An Act to revitalize the Commonwealth's waterfronts

Sponsor: Former Sen. Petrucci, 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