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## HB69 (HD3492) - An Act financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges

### Sponsor

Governor

### Summary

Appropriates \$200,000,000 for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation - Highway Division for the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways; further appropriates 1,500,000,000 to the Highway Division for projects on the interstate and non-interstate federal highway system; additionally appropriates \$200,000,000 to the Department of Transportation - Rail and Transit Division for implementing rail improvements; authorizes and regulates the issuance of bonds with terms up to 30 years, due and payable June 30, 2054, and designated on their face as the Commonwealth Transportation Improvement Act of 2019.

### Status

Transportation

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## HB766 (HD3681) - An Act relative to the control of tick-borne illness

### Sponsor

Rep. Carolyn C. Dykema (D)

### Summary

Amends various sections of GL c. 252 to expand the name and purpose of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board to the State Reclamation, Mosquito and Tick Control Board; authorizes this Board to investigate tick management techniques to protect the public against tick-borne disease by making and publishing surveys of land with high rates of tick-borne disease and, upon request of a municipality, the Board may implement tick management techniques in that municipality and; changes the name of the Mosquito and Greenhead Fly Control Fund to the Mosquito, Greenhead Fly and Tick Control Fund.

### Status

Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture

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## **HB777 (HD632) - An Act adjusting mobile gear fishing restrictions in Nantucket coastal waters to reflect regulations provided to the rest of Massachusetts coastal co...**

### **Sponsor**

Rep. Dylan Fernandes (D)

### **Summary**

Prohibits the use of 'mobile gear,' as defined in 322 CMR 4.06, off the coast of Nantucket from May 1 through October 31 and establishes penalties. Mobile gear includes 'any moveable or encircling fishing gear or nets which are towed, hauled or dragged through the water for the harvest of fish' (including trawls and seines).

### **Status**

Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture

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## **HB844 (HD643) - An Act to protect the rights of municipalities and districts**

### **Sponsor**

Rep. Alice Hanlon Peisch (D)

### **Summary**

Amends GL 21G:5 (Massachusetts Water Management Act) to establish that all properly filed renewal registration statements will entitle the registrants to their registered water use volumes without conditions, provided, however, that the Department of Environmental Protections may require proper metering or other means to accurately measure the volume of water withdrawn under said statement; prohibits the Department from promulgating regulations that would allow the imposition of any conditions other than withdrawal volume measurement.

### **Status**

Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture

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## **HB881 (HD1223) - An Act relative to a cranberry water use transfer program**

### **Sponsor**

Rep. William M. Straus (D)

### **Summary**

Directs the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to authorize the use of cranberry water registrations and permits under the Massachusetts Water Management Act (GL 21G) for mitigation efforts by other users within the same watershed.

**Status**

Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture

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**HB1039 (HD1915) - An Act to reduce congestion and encourage shared rides**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Jay D. Livingstone (D)

**Status**

Financial Services

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**HB1277 (HD3252) - An Act relative to accessory dwelling units**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Stephan Hay (D)

**Status**

Housing

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**HB1759 (HD1983) - An Act to improve the local infrastructure development program**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Christine Barber (D)

**Status**

Municipalities & Regional Government

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**HB1798 (HD2624) - An Act to establish commonsense permitting reforms for businesses and landowners**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Kevin G. Honan (D)

**Summary**

Amends various provisions of GL Chapter 40A (Zoning), to dictate that special permits should run with the land rather than be personal to the applicant. Further sets out a formal criteria to be considered when decisions are made by the permit granting authority relative to applications for variances. Adds new sections to create a procedure for a separate site plan review by the planning board and enumerates the process for successfully completing such review. Further prohibits the exaction of monetary value for completing any of the processes contained within this bill.

**Status**

Municipalities & Regional Government

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## **HB1802 (HD2684) - An Act regarding mandatory land use board training**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Kevin G. Honan (D)

**Status**

Municipalities & Regional Government

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## **HB2012 (HD2182) - An Act to promote public health through the prevention and wellness trust fund**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Aaron Vega (D)

**Summary**

Amends the Prevention and Wellness Trust enacted in GL 111:2G to expand the purposes of the Trust to include (1) increased access to community-based preventive services and interventions which complement and expand the ability of MassHealth to promote coordinated care, integrate community-based services with clinical care, and develop innovative ways of addressing social determinants of health; (2) reducing the impact of health conditions which are the largest drivers of poor health, health disparities, reduced quality of life, and high health care costs through community-based interventions; and (3) developing a stronger evidence-base of effective prevention interventions. In addition, the bill expands the Prevention and Wellness Advisory Board by adding one additional person, and by making the requirements for sitting on the Board as an appointee more explicit. The Board is also charged with the programs of the Trust according to nine enumerated criteria. Imposes an additional surcharge on acute hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers, which is to be added to all payments already subject to surcharge. This amount is to be equal the product of (i) the prevention wellness surcharge percentage and (ii) amounts paid for these services by a surcharge payor. The Medicaid Office is to calculate the prevention and cost control surcharge percentage by dividing \$33,000,000 by the projected annual aggregate payments subject to the surcharge, excluding projected annual aggregate payments based on payments made by managed care organizations. Allocates ten percent of amounts held in the marijuana regulation fund (GL 94G:14) to the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund.

**Status**

Public Health

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## **HB2403 (HD1365) - An Act relative to clarifying property tax exemptions for solar and wind systems**

**Sponsor**

Rep. John Barrett (D)

**Summary**

Amends GL59:5 (Property Tax Exemptions) to limit the existing statutory exemption for solar and wind powered systems to 125% of the annual energy needs of the real property upon which it is located; requires the owner of such property to make payments in lieu of taxes for any additional energy generation; amends GL 59:38H (Transition Payments to Municipalities in which an Affiliated Generation Facility is Located) to exclude sun and wind generation facilities from coverage under those sections. Additionally requires that each owner taking the credit make an annual declaration under oath to the assessors regarding the system and power generated for the previous calendar year. However, this last requirement will not apply to solar and wind powered systems for which the owner has signed an agreement with the city or town to make a payment in lieu of taxes. (New draft of HB1487. The new draft makes largely grammatical and technical changes to the previous text.)

**Status**

Revenue

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## **HB2463 (HD2835) - An Act to preserve community preservation revenue**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D)

**Status**

Revenue

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## **HB2472 (HD2257) - An Act relative to closing the water infrastructure funding gap with water and sewer connection fees**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Sean Garballey (D)

**Status**

Revenue



government from implementing regulatory schemes that impact personal and household energy consumers without allowing participation of the consumers in the regulatory process; requires state, county and local governments to establish procedures to prevent energy consumer exclusion and to hear complaints alleging it. Requires any solar incentive program to ensure that benefits are equitably shared by low-income households, environmental justice populations, and other communities facing barriers to participation; directs DER to establish an energy storage system target program for the deployment of energy storage systems by distribution company customers, distribution companies and municipal lighting plants; and repeals provisions that impose an aggregate net metering cap on any facilities that are not municipal or governmental entities. Amends numerous provisions of GL 164 related to the sale of gas and electricity; requires electricity distribution companies to offer residential and small business consumers time-of-use rate options; modifies provisions detailing terms related to residential retail customer electricity supply agreements and billing statements issued by a distribution company on behalf of a supplier; authorizes and regulates municipal agreements to enter into community empowerment contracts for the construction of renewable energy projects; modifies numerous sections related to Class I, Class II and Class III net metering facilities and rescinds the statutory requirement that the regulations adopted by DEP to lower greenhouse gas emissions will expire on December 31, 2020. Instructs the secretary of energy and environmental affairs to conduct a detailed, quantitative modeling and analysis of the commonwealth's energy economy and emissions to be used to identify multiple technically and economically-feasible pathways to reduce statewide emissions consistent with the 2050 emissions limit; requires the department of energy resources to investigate the necessity of requiring distribution companies to conduct additional offshore wind generation solicitations and procurements of up to approximately 2,800 megawatts; allows the department to analyze and recommend clean energy generation solicitations and procurements for more than the 9,450,000 megawatts-hours. Imposes restrictions on the placement of new natural gas compressor stations; requires the pension reserves investment trust fund to identify and sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw from all publicly traded securities of thermal coal and fossil fuel companies according to the included schedule; establishes and regulates the membership and operation of a special commission to study divestment from fossil fuel companies, but not thermal coal companies; authorizes the independent retirement board to similarly divest from investment in fossil fuel companies. Requires the MBTA to establish a plan for the full electrification of the authorities passenger vehicles, including buses, ferries and commuter rail lines by 2030; requires the state board of building regulations and standards to form a working group to study the feasibility of requiring solar power in new construction; regulates the participation of anaerobic digestion facilities in incentive programs; lists implementation dates for various provisions included herein.

**Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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**HB2815 (HD2773) - An Act relative to improving public safety in excavation**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Antonio F.D. Cabral (D)

**Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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## **HB2831 (HD3854) - An Act authorizing resiliency measures under commercial property assessed clean energy**

### **Sponsor**

Rep. Mark J. Cusack (D)

### **Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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## **HB2836 (HD3092) - An Act re-powering Massachusetts with 100 percent renewable energy**

### **Sponsor**

Rep. Marjorie Decker (D)

### **Summary**

Establishes a new GL 25D, the 100 Percent Renewable Energy Act; establishes a goal of having 100% of the energy needs of the commonwealth met with renewable energy by 2045; establishes a further goal of 100% renewable energy for consumption by residents, institutions, businesses, state and municipal agencies, and other entities by 2035; directs the secretary of energy and environmental affairs to establish an administrative council for the clean energy transition within 90 days of passage; regulates the membership and operation of the council; establishes a clean energy center of excellence at a public institution of higher education to conduct and sponsor research on renewable energy technologies, practices and barriers; establishes and regulates the membership and operation of a council for clean energy workforce development; directs state agencies, including the department of energy resources, the division of capital asset management and maintenance, the department of transportation, to develop pathways to expand renewable energy sources, establish declining annual limits on the use of non-renewable energy and reach the 2045 goal of 100% renewable energy; requires municipal light plants to purchase 100 percent of their electricity from renewable energy sources by 2035; directs the department to establish a renewable heating trust fund to subsidize the conversion of residential and commercial buildings from fossil fuel heating to non-emitting heating technologies powered by renewable energy; requires the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (PRIM) to take climate related financial risk into account in making investment decisions; amends provisions related to mandatory kilowatt hours sold to consumers derived from renewable energy sources.

### **Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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## **HB2841 (HD3103) - An Act to expand the green communities program to mitigate climate change**

### **Sponsor**

Rep. Carolyn C. Dykema (D)

**Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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**HB2859 (HD1485) - An Act improving recycling in the Commonwealth,****Sponsor**

Rep. Colleen M. Garry (D)

**Summary**

Amends various provisions of the General Laws, to repeal the 5 cent bottle deposit/refund law and instead institutes a 1 cent recycling fee on all containers of carbonated, noncarbonated-alcoholic and noncarbonated-nonalcoholic drinks, except milk and dairy derived products, infant formula or medical food, to be paid by distributors/wholesalers, either quarterly or annually; provides that fees collected and abandoned deposit amounts to be used for litter prevention and removal, municipal recycling collection programs and programs to increase recycling at public facilities and urban parks district reservations; assesses manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and dealers a  $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest fee on late recycling fee payments; and subjects manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and dealers to a \$1,000 civil fine for each violation of this act.

**Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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**HB2863 (HD3054) - An Act relative to greenhouse gas emissions standards for municipal lighting plants, for the purpose of promoting the Commonwealth's goals of reducin...****Sponsor**

Rep. Thomas A. Golden, Jr. (D)

**Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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**HB2924 (HD1626) - An Act relative to accountability of public funds used for wind turbines****Sponsor**

Rep. Todd M. Smola (R)

**Summary**

Amends GL 23J:5, the statute governing annual reports of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Center, to require that certain public funds, such as those distributed from the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust, which are used for wind turbines, be posted along with certain other information on a web site maintained by the Center and updated monthly.

**Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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## **HB2983 (HD3816) - An Act establishing transit improvement districts**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Michelle Ciccolo (D)

**Status**

Transportation

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## **HB3008 (HD3009) - An Act to advance modern and sustainable solutions for transportation**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Lori Ehrlich (D)

**Status**

Transportation

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## **HB3146 (HD1240) - An Act relative to transportation infrastructure value capture**

**Sponsor**

Rep. William M. Straus (D)

**Summary**

Adds new Chapter 40X to the General Laws, entitled Supplemental Infrastructure Financing for Transportation (SIFT); authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to enter into SIFT agreements with municipalities authorizing cities and towns to collect and remit tax increment financing on transportation projects; lists SIFT agreement contents, including detailed descriptions of the project, boundaries of the SIFT district, the method of calculating the tax increment to be remitted and the board or officer responsible for calculating the tax increment; requires a municipal public hearing 30 days prior to any vote for approval; requires municipal approval by vote of any SIFT agreements prior to adoption; requires certification of the tax value of the property within SIFT boundaries.

**Status**

Transportation

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## **HB3456 (HD3385) - An Act to ensure right to counsel in eviction proceedings**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Chynah Tyler (D)

**Status**

Judiciary

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## **SB7 (SD2234) - An Act relative to improving safety on the roads of the Commonwealth**

**Sponsor**

Governor

**Summary**

The Governor's road safety bill makes a variety of changes to the statute governing motor vehicles to address large truck safety, mobile electronic devices, seat belt usage; construction site speed limits, ignition interlocks, and electric scooters. Amends GL 90 (Motor Vehicles and Aircraft) to define several additional terms related to safety and different modes of transportation; excludes electric scooters from the definitions of motorized scooters and motor vehicles; requires vehicles class 3 or above and greater than 5 tons to be equipped with a lateral protective device, convex and cross-over mirrors if purchased or leased by the commonwealth; exempts several types of vehicles such as ambulances and snow plows, as determined by the registrar; directs the registrar to adopt regulations consistent with USDOT standards and to provide exemptions for alternative means of compliance; applies the new GL 90:7 requirements for protective equipment to contractors of the commonwealth two years after the effective date for vehicle owned or leased by the commonwealth; establishes a fee schedule and grounds for the termination of contractors for failure to comply with said requirements. Amends GL 90:7B (Equipment and Operation of School Buses) to allow for the use of phones or electronic devices by bus operators where the safety of passengers, road users, or pedestrians is threatened; amends GL 90:8M (Use of Electronic Device by Person Under 18 Years of Age While Operating Motor Vehicle) to allow for the use of phones or electronic devices by motor vehicle operators where the safety of road users or pedestrians is threatened; Amends GL 90:12A (Use of Mobile Electronic devices by Operators of Public Transportation) to establish a violation as a surchargeable incident; establishes that use of a mobile device by a public transportation operator in cases where police intervention is needed to protect pedestrians or other road users is not such a violation; amends GL 90:13A (Seat Belt Use Required) to allow law enforcement to stop motorists for the failure to use a seat belt on its own; amends GL 90:13B (Composing, Sending, and Reading of Electronic Messages While Operating a Motor Vehicle) to prohibit the use of electronic devices except in hands-free mode; prohibits composing messages, accessing social media, using video functions, watching non-navigational videos, inputting information, or manually using a GPS or navigation device; allows the usage of single-touch displays for navigational purposes; creates a presumptive violation if the mobile

device is held near the head, in the hand, or on the lap of the operator; applies the fee schedule in GL 90:13B to violations of GL 90:8M, governing underage drivers; resets said fee schedule 6 years after the first offense; establishes violations of GLs 90:8M and 90:13B as surchargeable offenses; requires repeat offenders under GL 90:13B to complete a driving behavior course selected by the Registrar; specifies that such violations do not authorize the seizure of the device; creates an affirmative defense to such violations if evidence can be produced that such use was for emergency purposes and no other passenger could have used the device; exempts public safety personnel and first responders when using electronic devices in the course of their duties; Establishes a new GL 90:17½ authorizing the the Department of Transportation to establish speed limits in active construction zones and to impose double fines for violating such limits; directs the department to post signage to that effect; amends GL 90:24 and GL 90:24D to require the use of an ignition interlock for all persons granted a hardship license, and for those who do not seek or are not granted such a license, for six months after the reinstatement of their license or right to operate; amends GL 90:24D (Probation of Persons Convicted of Driving Under the Influence) to quadruple the length of time a license is suspended; establishes a new GL:24D½ making annual the registrar's public awareness campaign regarding mobile electronic device use while driving; directs the registry to promulgate regulations defining mobile electronic devices; directs the Department of Transportation to establish a working group to study electric scooters and micro-mobility devices and deliver a report to the governor and legislature by December 31, 2020.

### Status

Transportation

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## **SB79 (SD2203) - An Act promoting sustainable development across the Commonwealth**

### Sponsor

Sen. Nicholas P. Collins (D)

### Summary

Establishes a new GL 21P (Climate Risk and Fiscal Responsibility) that requires all applications for a permit, authorization, certification, approval, grant, loan, or other financing under any executive office secretary or the supreme judicial court, to include disclosures related to relevant climate risks; includes environmental impact reports issued for all public works; requires the disclosure to include information about the model or projections used in making the risk assessment. Directs the secretary of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, in consultation with the executive office of public safety and security and other related agencies, a climate projections database for uniform application across all such applications. Requires all applicants for state grants, loans or other funding, including funding for development, construction and capital infrastructure tax credits, as well as any requests for proposals for state capital projects, to include adaptation measures that mitigate climate risks that will occur over the life of the project or term of financing; requires particular disclosure of risks that disproportionately burden low and moderate income and minority populations; prohibits adaptation measures from avoiding additional disparate impacts in these areas; exempts the listed projects from disclosing adaptation measures. Requires DPU to instruct investor-owned electric power, natural gas, steam distribution, and water companies to identify in priority order the climate risks to its facilities and their plans to mitigate them; directs the board of building regulations and standards to undertake a one year study of the feasibility, impacts and economics of changing the state building code to require that buildings be designed, sited and constructed to address and protect against climate risks; requires EOEEA to establish, conduct, and maintain annual training programs

for local planning boards, zoning boards, and commissions on climate science and the physical effects of climate change; requires members of these local boards and commissions to attend the training once every two years.

**Status**

Community Development and Small Business

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**SB94 (SD120) - An Act to promote livable communities and zoning reform**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

**Summary**

This bill is intended to encourage growth in appropriate and identified places, to support development in areas where infrastructure is already in place, to discourage sprawl, and to discourage growth in environmentally sensitive areas in order to protect the Commonwealth's most valuable remaining natural resources before they are lost. The bill establishes and regulates the Council for a Sustainable Commonwealth; articulates the powers and duties of the council, which includes encouraging cooperation among levels of government in protecting and coordinating the uses of the Commonwealth's land and resources, encouraging sustainable growth, discouraging wasteful use of natural resources, supporting transportation and creating affordable housing; requires each regional planning commission to develop a regional sustainable development plan for use by the council; establishes the Sustainable Development Grant Fund, funded through the Commonwealth and administered by said council, to provide grants to municipalities and regional planning commissions for activities relating to the established goals of the act.

**Status**

Community Development and Small Business

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**SB96 (SD609) - An Act improving housing opportunities and the Massachusetts economy**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Michael J. Rodrigues (D)

**Summary**

This technical and complicated bill, running to 18 sections and 15 printed pages, makes a number of changes in the law relative to zoning, especially with respect to special permits. These changes include, among others, provisions establishing that zoning ordinances or by-laws may not require, as a condition precedent to the approval of a cluster development, the submission of a plan related to subdivision compliance; that zoning ordinances must classify accessory dwelling units as a use permitted by right in all single-family residential zoning districts, and these ordinances or by-laws may not unreasonably regulate the location, dimensions, or design of an accessory dwelling unit; establishes that special permits are to run with the land and are not personal to the applicant or owner

of the property; allows zoning variances if the literal enforcement of the provisions would result in a practical difficulty, and enumerates the factors to be weighed in making that decision; establishes new procedures for site plan reviews; establishes that no zoning decision may be based on the exaction of money or property from the applicant or landowner unless the decision contains explicit findings demonstrating that the exaction satisfies federal constitutional requirements; establishes that the concurring vote of a majority of planning board members in office will suffice to make a decision; requires municipalities to establish and update as necessary a list of approved outside consultants having the minimum qualifications in one or more fields in which the local permitting boards or commission reasonably expect to require outside help, among other things. (Please note that special permits generally authorize an exception to the zoning regulations from a list of acceptable alternative uses, and that by right development refers to projects that are permitted under their current zoning, are approved administratively and do not require public hearings or any legislative action by municipality.)

**Status**

Community Development and Small Business

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## **SB430 (SD845) - An Act relative to coastal resiliency projects**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Joseph Boncore (D)

**Status**

Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture

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## **SB450 (SD549) - An Act relative to sustainable water conservation practices**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Viriato (Vinny) deMacedo (R)

**Summary**

Establishes within the Department of Environmental Protection an Irrigation Contractor Board of Registration; regulates composition of said board; regulates registration of irrigation contractors, applications for licenses, continuing education requirements, exemptions, business permits, qualifications and permit fees, suspensions or revocations or reissuing of licenses, and unlawful conduct and penalties.

**Status**

Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture

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## **SB460 (SD886) - An Act improving municipal water infrastructure**

**Sponsor**

Sen. James B. Eldridge (D)

**Summary**

Adds new Section 19 to GL 29C (Massachusetts Clean Water Trust) entitled, 'Municipal Water Infrastructure Trust Fund'; authorizes the Board of the Trust to expend money from the Fund for municipal or regional water infrastructure projects; establishes revenues to the Fund, including an assessment on municipal water usage; establishes a formula for distributing money from the Fund; directs the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate regulations requiring public water systems to enclose any wellheads drawn on.

**Status**

Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture

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## **SB479 (SD1126) - An Act conserving our natural resources**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Anne Gobi (D)

**Summary**

Prohibits a person from using, setting, placing or maintaining any trap for the purpose of capturing furbearing mammals, except for common mouse and rat traps; describes other traps that are prohibited from being used for the aforementioned purpose; establishes that this provision will not apply to the use of prohibited devices by federal and state departments and those divisions and agencies described herein.

**Status**

Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture

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## **SB512 (SD1667) - An Act relative to the financing of dredging projects**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R)

**Summary**

Adds a 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**

Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture

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**SB515 (SD1671) - An Act relative to community preservation funds for coastal infrastructure****Sponsor**

Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R)

**Summary**

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

**Status**

Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture

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**SB760 (SD21) - An Act relative to early college high schools****Sponsor**

Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)

**Summary**

Adds a new section to GL c.15A (Public Education) that requires the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish an early college education program to increase post-secondary completion rates and participation in career pathways. The program is to consider applications for partnerships among public secondary institutions and public and private institutions of higher education to be designated as Massachusetts Early College Schools. The program is to allow for a minimum accumulation of 12 transferable college credits. Preference is to be given to programs offering at least one career pathway yielding an associate's degree or relevant industry credential. Academic courses offered in pathways that count for college credit may be taught by post-secondary faculty or by secondary teachers credentialed to teach postsecondary courses and is to include the transfer of any advanced placement courses taken by participating students who earn a qualifying score on the College Board advanced placement examination.

**Status**

Higher Education

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**SB786 (SD1869) - An Act to guarantee a tenant's first right of refusal**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Brendan Crighton (D)

**Status**

Housing

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**SB788 (SD2106) - An Act promoting accessory dwelling units as a housing option****Sponsor**

Sen. Julian A. Cyr (D)

**Status**

Housing

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**SB913 (SD625) - An Act to ensure right to counsel in eviction proceedings****Sponsor**

Sen. Sal N. DiDomenico (D)

**Summary**

Grants lessees and renters a right to counsel when served with a notice to quit a rental property under summary process (eviction proceedings) or under eviction proceedings due to using the premises for a common nuisance (prostitution, assignation, lewdness, illegal gaming, or the illegal keeping or sale of alcoholic beverages); requires appointment of counsel for indigent occupants who cannot afford an attorney; defines occupants as a person who inhabits or is entitled to inhabit a rental dwelling unit; defines individuals who are indigent and therefore entitled to appointment of an attorney, including those receiving public assistance under aid to dependent families with children, elder care, veterans benefits, Medicaid or food stamps; directs the committee for public counsel services to establish a system for appointment of counsel in eviction proceedings; establishes and regulates the membership and operation of a public task force for implementing the right to counsel in eviction proceedings.

**Status**

Judiciary

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**SB1189 (SD1638) - An Act to improve the local infrastructure development program****Sponsor**

Sen. Adam G. Hinds (D)

**Status**

Municipalities & Regional Government

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**SB1191 (SD1378) - An Act relative to transit-oriented development****Sponsor**

Sen. John F. Keenan (D)

**Summary**

Adds new Section 3A to GL 40A (Zoning) to require zoning ordinances and by-laws to provide for the development of multi-family housing, of right, which may include business, commercial or mixed uses in a district within a quarter of a mile of a commuter rail station or public transportation ferry terminal; requires said housing to be (i) without age restrictions, (ii) suitable for families with children, (iii) have a minimum gross density of 14 units per acre and (iv) align, to the extent possible with existing or planned water, sewer and transportation infrastructure; authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development to waive or reduce these requirements; further directs the Department to promulgate regulation necessary to implement these provisions.

**Status**

Municipalities & Regional Government

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**SB1216 (SD774) - An Act to promote healthy communities and the environment****Sponsor**

Sen. Sonia R. Chang-Diaz (D)

**Summary**

Inserts a new and unnamed Chapter 111P into the General Laws. The bill provides for an expedited and enhanced Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Review for projects located within 1 mile of a designated 'most vulnerable' community, or in the case of projects exceeding certain thresholds, within 5 miles of a most vulnerable community; it exempts site assessment grants and loans granted under the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund from triggering the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act review; and it establishes a community environmental health and economic disparities program; it requires the creation and maintenance of a Communities Health Index, among other things.

**Status**

Public Health

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**SB1293 (SD916) - An Act to promote public health through the prevention and wellness trust fund**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Jason M. Lewis (D)

**Summary**

Amends the Prevention and Wellness Trust enacted in GL 111:2G to expand the purposes of the Trust to include (1) increased access to community-based preventive services and interventions which complement and expand the ability of MassHealth to promote coordinated care, integrate community-based services with clinical care, and develop innovative ways of addressing social determinants of health; (2) reducing the impact of health conditions which are the largest drivers of poor health, health disparities, reduced quality of life, and high health care costs through community-based interventions; and (3) developing a stronger evidence-base of effective prevention interventions. In addition the bill expands the Prevention and Wellness Advisory Board by adding one additional person, and by making the requirements for sitting on the Board as an appointee more explicit. The Board is also charged with the programs of the Trust according to nine enumerated criteria. Finally, imposes an additional surcharge on acute hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers, which is to be added to all payments already subject to surcharge. This amount is to be equal the product of (i) the prevention wellness surcharge percentage and (ii) amounts paid for these services by a surcharge payer. The Medicaid Office is to calculate the prevention and cost control surcharge percentage by dividing \$33,000,000 by the projected annual aggregate payments subject to the surcharge, excluding projected annual aggregate payments based on payments made by managed care organizations. (The intent is for the surcharge to produce between \$23 and \$43 million; if it does not, it may be recalculated.)

**Status**

Public Health

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## **SB1324 (SD1758) - An Act establishing a special commission to find the best practices to promote education, awareness, and prevention of Lyme disease**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R)

**Summary**

Establishes a 7-member special commission to study Lyme disease prevention and the potential for a statewide prevention program; specifies the qualifications of the members of the commission; directs the commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by July 1, 2020.

**Status**

Public Health

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## **SB1392 (SD1303) - An Act relative to public safety in excavation**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Brendan Crighton (D)

### **Summary**

Amends provisions relative to excavations under GL 82; classifies municipal signal traffic departments as companies subject to excavation laws; requires professional land surveyors, as defined, to premark any proposed excavation for a new facility or renovation; requires premarkings for underground facilities projects to, when possible, indicate a width greater than 2 inches, the material of the underground facility, the existence of any ducts and a change in direction; permits the department of public utilities to assign companies who fail to comply with excavation requirement to complete 'Dig Safe' training in lieu of paying a fine for a first offense

### **Status**

Public Safety and Homeland Security

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## **SB1396 (SD557) - An Act establishing the building code coordinating council**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Diana DiZoglio (D)

### **Summary**

Eliminates the technical code council in GL 143:94 and establishes the Building Code Coordinating Council in a new section 101 of GL Chapter 143. The BCCC will be comprised of 12 members and is tasked with comparing and coordinating all existing and proposed construction codes to eliminate redundancies and conflicts. The BCCC will have the power to reject proposed regulations that are inconsistent, conflicting or redundant. Further, the BCCC is directed to establish procedures for considering public comment and for submission and approval of proposed regulations.

### **Status**

Public Safety and Homeland Security

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## **SB1645 (SD860) - An Act mitigating water resource impacts**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. James B. Eldridge (D)

### **Summary**

Establishes a new GL 40:39N, allowing cities, towns, water or wastewater districts, stormwater utilities or other authority to collect reasonable fees for the exclusive use for remedying and offsetting the impacts of new or increased water withdrawals, sewerage, wastewater discharges, stormwater discharges or impairment of recharge of groundwater through depletion of ground or surface waters; requires cities and towns imposing such fees to designate a board, commission or official responsible for the collection; requires the deposit of the fees in separate accounts classified as 'Sustainable Water Resource Funds' for drinking water, wastewater or stormwater.

**Status**

Revenue

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**SB1667 (SD965) - An Act establishing a local option gasoline and diesel fuel excise****Sponsor**

Sen. Anne Gobi (D)

**Summary**

Requires all retail suppliers who sell fuels or special fuels to retail dealers of motor fuel and automotive lubricating oil, including service stations, garages, and other retail establishments, to provide the listed information to the commissioner of revenue every month, including the name and address of the retail dealers, the number of gallons sold, the price, and other requested information. NOTE: This bill refers to a definition of retail suppliers in GL 64A:1, which does not exist. The term is defined within this piece of legislation in Section 2. Establishes a new GL 64O, which allows cities and towns to impose a local excise tax on the sale of gasoline and special fuels by retailers within their limits; limits the tax amount to up to 5 cents a gallon; requires payment of the tax to the commissioner of revenue, for subsequent distribution to cities and towns that elect to impose the tax; requires cities and towns that impose the tax to establish a municipal fuel excise transportation and stormwater fund, for the deposit of tax proceeds; limits the use of monies in the fund to the maintenance, repair, upkeep, construction or improvement of roads, bridges, sidewalks, bikeways or public parking areas, public transit purposes, or costs associated with stormwater management.

**Status**

Revenue

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**SB1694 (SD1008) - An Act relative to regional transportation ballot initiatives****Sponsor**

Sen. Eric Lesser (D)

**Status**

Revenue

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**SB1701 (SD39) - An Act to eliminate the tax deduction for direct-to-consumer pharmaceutical marketing****Sponsor**

Sen. Jason M. Lewis (D)

## Summary

Amends GL 63:1, the statute governing definitions relative to taxation of corporations, to prohibit direct consumer advertising of prescription drugs from being deducted from net income.

## Status

Revenue

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## SB1718 (SD807) - An Act clarifying occupancy excise and internet hotel room resellers

### Sponsor

Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)

### Summary

Amends GL 64G:5 (Separate statement and charge of amount of room occupancy excise) to establish that the excise will apply to whatever dollar amount is held out to the occupant as the cost of the rent, including any included charges or fees, except those that are separately itemized from the rent.

### Status

Revenue

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## SB1763 (SD1958) - An Act relative to clarifying property tax exemptions for solar and wind systems

### Sponsor

Sen. Michael J. Rodrigues (D)

### Summary

Amends GL 59:5 (Property Tax Exemptions) to limit the existing statutory exemption for solar and wind powered systems to 125% of the annual energy needs of the real property upon which it is located; limits the exemption to 20 years, or longer with a specific exemption from the municipality; requires the owner of such system/property to make payments in lieu of taxes for any additional energy generation, and to execute an agreement for such payments with the municipality where the system is located; amends GL 59:38H (Transition Payments to Municipalities in which an Affiliated Generation Facility is Located) to exclude solar or wind generation facilities from coverage; directs the department of revenue, in consultation with the department of energy resources, to solicit public input and issue guidance on the valuation and assessment of taxes on solar and wind facilities which product more than 125% of the energy needed by their location property; allows existing agreements for payments in lieu of taxes to remain in effect without renegotiation.

### Status

Revenue

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## **SB1797 (SD1276) - An Act providing for science and technology policy fellows**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Bruce E. Tarr (R)

### **Status**

Rules

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## **SB1799 (SD1821) - An Act further regulating certain light frame residential construction**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Michael D. Brady (D)

### **Status**

State Administration & Regulatory Oversight

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## **SB1884 (SD48) - An Act to promote safety, efficiency and accountability in transportation projects through public inspections**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)

### **Summary**

Requires that public employees carry out the construction inspection functions for all surface transportation projects receiving state or federal funding; defines construction inspection functions and public employee.

### **Status**

State Administration & Regulatory Oversight

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## **SB1889 (SD485) - An Act establishing a special commission to study the feasibility of incorporating conductive concrete in future public works projects**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R)

### **Summary**

Establishes a special commission to study the feasibility of integrating the use of conductive concrete in all public works developments and projects; directs the UMass School of Engineering to conduct a study to determine the cost, feasibility, effectiveness and projected costs savings of such use; defines conductive concrete; requires the commission to submit its recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2020.

### **Status**

State Administration & Regulatory Oversight

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## **SB1893 (SD154) - An Act relative to protecting the taxpayers of the Commonwealth**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

### **Summary**

Subjects the Massachusetts water resources authority to provisions regulating the hiring of private contractors by public and governmental entities.

### **Status**

State Administration & Regulatory Oversight

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## **SB1902 (SD693) - An Act further defining fraud in public construction contracts**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Michael J. Rodrigues (D)

### **Summary**

Amends GL 30:39M (Awarding of Public Construction Contracts) to clarify that contractors sign under penalties of perjury that the bid is made without collusion with any other person or entity or fraud; defines fraud.

### **Status**

State Administration & Regulatory Oversight

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## **SB1906 (SD1682) - An Act establishing a commission on government accountability, economy, and efficiency**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Michael F. Rush (D)

### **Summary**

Establishes an 18 member Special Commission on Government Accountability, Economy and Efficiency to study ways to improve these aspects of state government; specifies several particular areas of investigation for the Commission; requires the Commission to submit its final report to the legislature by June 30 2021.

### **Status**

State Administration & Regulatory Oversight

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## **SB1909 (SD237) - An Act justifying the use of project labor agreements**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Bruce E. Tarr (R)

### **Summary**

Establishes that an awarding authority electing to require a project labor agreement must, within 60 days, submit a report to the Inspector General stating that the project is of such size, duration, timing and complexity that a project labor agreement is required; and providing a comparative analysis of any benefits of the project labor agreement that led the awarding authority to conclude that such an agreement was required, and any increased costs or adverse impacts caused by the agreement.

### **Status**

State Administration & Regulatory Oversight

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## **SB1924 (SD1817) - An Act to combat climate change**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Michael Barrett (D)

### **Summary**

Amends numerous provisions of the Climate Protection and Green Economy Act (GL 21N); defines a greenhouse gas-emitting priority as any matter, including natural gas, petroleum, coal or liquid and solid fuels, which produces greenhouse gasses when burned; amends the definition of market based compliance mechanism under the act to include any form of price compliance imposed on greenhouse gas emitting sources or priorities in order to meet state greenhouse gas limits; defines rural municipalities as those in which residents drive more than 130% of the statewide average of miles driven per household. Establishes a new GL 21N:7A requiring the secretary of energy and environmental affairs to establish a market based compliance mechanism for the transportation sector, the commercial, industrial and institutional sectors and the residential building sector; requires efforts aimed that the transportation sector to focus on reducing passenger and light duty truck emissions; regulates the disbursement of amounts collected under the plan; requires the plan to maximize reduction in greenhouse emissions in order to meet established limits; requires the plan to

establish a cost of emissions per metric ton of carbon dioxide equivalent of not less than 15 dollars in its initial year, with incremental annual increases of 5 dollars per year up to 60 dollars; requires the secretary to take reasonable efforts to implement any charges, exactions, allowances or permits at the earliest point in the supply chain. Establishes and regulates both a carbon pricing trust fund and an environmental health and justice trust fund; regulates the allocation of monies collected from the newly created market based compliance mechanisms to the funds, and their subsequent use for the commonwealth transportation fund, school aid under Chapter 70, rebates under the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles program, and assisting communities with significant pollution. Requires implementation of compliance mechanisms for the transportation sector by December 31, 2021, for the commercial, industrial and institutional sectors by December 31, 2022 and for the residential building sector by December 31, 2023.

**Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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**SB1935 (SD2212) - An Act establishing a net zero stretch energy code**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Joanne Comerford (D)

**Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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**SB1940 (SD1953) - An Act for utility transition to using renewable energy (FUTURE)**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem (D)

**Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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**SB1941 (SD1246) - An Act authorizing resiliency measures under commercial property assessed clean energy**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Brendan Crighton (D)

**Summary**

Amends GL 23M:1 (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Property - Definitions), by including participation in a qualified district heating and cooling system, in a qualified microgrid that

incorporates clean energy, or in an energy storage system in the definition of commercial energy improvements under the program.

**Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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## **SB1958 (SD1625) - An Act transitioning Massachusetts to 100 per cent renewable energy**

**Sponsor**

Sen. James B. Eldridge (D)

**Summary**

Establishes a new GL 25D, the 100 Percent Renewable Energy Act; establishes a goal of having 100% of the energy needs of the commonwealth met with renewable energy by 2045; establishes a further goal of 100% renewable energy for consumption by residents, institutions, businesses, state and municipal agencies, and other entities by 2035; directs the secretary of energy and environmental affairs to establish an administrative council for the clean energy transition within 90 days of passage; regulates the membership and operation of the council; establishes a clean energy center of excellence at a public institution of higher education to conduct and sponsor research on renewable energy technologies, practices and barriers; establishes and regulates the membership and operation of a council for clean energy workforce development; directs state agencies, including the department of energy resources, the division of capital asset management and maintenance, the department of transportation, to develop pathways to expand renewable energy sources, establish declining annual limits on the use of non-renewable energy and reach the 2045 goal of 100% renewable energy; requires municipal light plants to purchase 100 percent of their electricity from renewable energy sources by 2035; directs the department and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, the executive office for administration and finance, the division of capital asset management and maintenance, and other state agencies to identify opportunities to expand solar and other renewable energy generation capacity on state property; amends provisions related to mandatory kilowatt hours sold to consumers derived from renewable energy sources.&nbsp;

**Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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## **SB1977 (SD1628) - An Act promoting clean energy storage**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Adam G. Hinds (D)

**Summary**

Amends GL 59:5 (Property tax exemptions) to establish a new exemption for the cost of energy storage systems, at the sole discretion of a municipality. The exemption will be allowed for a period of twenty years from the date of the installation of such system or device. In addition, the Department of Energy Resources is required to establish a rebate for Massachusetts-based companies installing and

manufacturing energy storage systems, and provides a sales tax exemption for the sale of energy storage systems. 'Energy storage system' is defined as a commercially available technology that is capable of absorbing energy, storing it for a period of time and thereafter dispatching the energy, and which may be owned by an electric distribution company. The definition is derived from SL 2016:188, which enacted GL c.23M (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy).

#### **Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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## **SB1987 (SD1710) - An Act to expand the green communities program to mitigate climate change**

#### **Sponsor**

Sen. Jason M. Lewis (D)

#### **Summary**

Amends GL 25A:10 (Division of Green Communities) to add (i) deployment of energy storage, microgrids or district energy systems connected to renewable energy generation; (ii) installation of zero-emissions vehicles, charging equipment or infrastructure, or related technologies; and (iii) coordination of residential or small business clean energy outreach, technical assistance or financing programs to the purposes for which grants and loans to municipalities may be made from the green communities program; establishes a new green plus community category; sets forth eligibility criteria to receive such a designation; increases the annual funding for the program from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000; provides that not less than \$10,000,000 of said funding go to green plus communities.

#### **Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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## **SB2001 (SD161) - An Act relative to solar siting**

#### **Sponsor**

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

#### **Summary**

Amends GL 25A:11F (renewable energy portfolio standard for retail electricity suppliers), by requiring consideration of environmental impact; directs any renewable energy generating facility with a nameplate capacity greater than 100 KW or increased capacity of greater than 100KW, to meet appropriate and site-specific standards that avoid and minimize impacts on soils, habitat, and water quality; includes mitigation and enhancement measures determined by the department of energy resources and relevant state and federal environment and natural resource agencies.

#### **Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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## SB2005 (SD757) - An Act to secure a clean energy future

### Sponsor

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

### Summary

Comprising 72 sections on 49 printed pages, the bill is intended to both promote the green energy industries and reduce the Commonwealth's participation in the production of greenhouse gases. In particular, the bill requires at least 50 percent of the Commonwealth's motor vehicle fleet to be zero-emission vehicles by June 30, 2025, imposes a ban on collecting, storing, treating or disposing of wastewater hydraulic fracturing fluid, wastewater solids, drill cuttings or other byproducts from hydraulic fracturing, and requires adoption of a greenhouse gas emissions limit at least 50% below the 1990 emissions level and a 2040 statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit at least 75% below the 1990 emissions level; imposes a 2050 statewide emissions limit that achieves at least net zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions. Repeals provisions directing the Secretary to update its plan for achieving statewide emissions limits in 2030, 2040 and 2050; instead directs the secretary to specifically issue a 2050 emissions reduction plan that describes in detail methods of achieving the 2030, 2040 and 2050 limits; requires the commonwealth and agencies to enact regulations to achieve the 2050 limits by December 31, 2023; further instructs the secretary to establish market-based compliance mechanisms for the transportation sector, with a particular focus on passenger vehicle and light truck emissions, ; the commercial, industrial and institutional sectors, the residential building sector; requires publication of a comprehensive energy plan every five years starting in 2023, which includes strategies to meet 2030 and 2040 limits.&nbsp;Prohibits any state, county or local government from implementing regulatory schemes that impact personal and household energy consumers without allowing participation of the consumers in the regulatory process; requires state, county and local governments to establish procedures to prevent energy consumer exclusion and to hear complaints alleging it. Requires any solar incentive program to ensure that benefits are equitably shared by low-income households, environmental justice populations, and other communities facing barriers to participation; directs DER to establish an energy storage system target program for the deployment of energy storage systems by distribution company customers, distribution companies and municipal lighting plants; and repeals provisions that impose an aggregate net metering cap on any facilities that are not municipal or governmental entities. Amends numerous provisions of GL 164 related to the sale of gas and electricity; requires electricity distribution companies to offer residential and small business consumers time-of-use rate options; modifies provisions detailing terms related to residential retail customer electricity supply agreements and billing statements issued by a distribution company on behalf of a supplier; authorizes and regulates municipal agreements to enter into community empowerment contracts for the construction of renewable energy projects; modifies numerous sections related to Class I, Class II and Class III net metering facilities and rescinds the statutory requirement that the regulations adopted by DEP to lower greenhouse gas emissions will expire on December 31, 2020. Instructs the secretary of energy and environmental affairs to conduct a detailed, quantitative modeling and analysis of the commonwealth's energy economy and emissions to be used to identify multiple technically and economically-feasible pathways to reduce statewide emissions consistent with the 2050 emissions limit; requires the department of energy resources to investigate the necessity of requiring distribution companies to conduct additional offshore wind generation solicitations and procurements of up to approximately 2,800 megawatts; allows the department to analyze and recommend clean energy generation solicitations and procurements for more than the 9,450,000 megawatts-hours. Imposes restrictions on the placement of new natural gas compressor stations; requires the pension reserves investment trust fund to identify and sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw from all publicly traded securities of thermal coal and fossil fuel companies according to the included schedule; establishes and regulates the membership and operation of a special commission to study divestment from fossil fuel companies, but not thermal coal companies;

authorizes the independent retirement board to similarly divest&nbsp; from investment in fossil fuel companies.Requires the MBTA to establish a plan for the full electrification of the authorities passenger vehicles, including buses, ferries and commuter rail lines by 2030; requires the state board of building regulations and standards to form a working group to study the feasibility of requiring solar power in new construction; regulates the participation of anaerobic digestion facilities in incentive programs; lists implementation dates for various provisions included herein.&nbsp;

#### **Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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## **SB2007 (SD1247) - An Act relative to local energy investment and infrastructure modernization**

#### **Sponsor**

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

#### **Summary**

Submits various recommendations for improvements to the availability and distribution of electricity in the commonwealth, with a focus on grid integration of local energy resource alternatives.The first section establishes a new GL 164:146, directing the department of public utilities to establish procedures for development and submission of grid modernization plans by electric distribution companies; requires the procedures to include metrics and performance incentives to evaluate the progress of the distribution companies, including their ability to utilize and integrate local energy resources; defines local energy resources as local, distributed renewable generation facilities, as well as local plans for energy efficiency, energy storage, electric vehicles, demand response and load management; mandates inclusion of protections for low income consumers.This section directs electric distribution companies to prepare and submit grid modernization plans every five years; includes costs, benefits and ideal locations of local energy resources in the plans, as well as other considerations in effectively encouraging and implementing their use.Finally, this initial proposal establishes and regulates the membership and operation of the grid modernization consumer board; charges the board with responsibility for maximizing net economic benefits through the use of distributed energy resources and achieving goals related to electric transmission and reliability, as well as climate and environmental goals.The second section establishes a new GL 164:69J 1/2, which prohibits the construction of any infrastructure resource facility without approval of a determination of wires; requires the application to include an analysis for the need for the facility, other alternative methods for meeting the need, and a 3rd party report detailing the availability of local energy resource alternatives; requires the board to determine whether local energy resource alternative could meet all or part of the proposed need.Requires the department of energy resources to establish a framework for benefit-cost analyses to be applied to evaluations of Infrastructure Resource Facilities and Local Energy Resource Alternatives within 3 months, and to establish criteria for methods for securing contracts for local energy resource alternatives within 10 months.Amends GL 164:69J relating to petitions for approval of construction of electric generation facilities, by requiring the approval of a determination of wires established above and by requiring a discussion of greenhouse gas emissions in the petition. Requires all electric distribution companies to allow customers to opt-into time of use rates, and to provide necessary equipment within 60 days; imposes a one year rate protection for consumers electing such rates, and the right to select a different rate after a year.

#### **Status**

## **SB2010 (SD2217) - An Act to expand offshore wind development in the Commonwealth**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

### **Status**

Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy

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## **SB2060 (SD1037) - An Act relative to tolls on the roadways of the Commonwealth**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Brendan Crighton (D)

### **Summary**

Amends GL 6C:3 relating to the powers of the department of transportation; prohibits the department from increasing tolls charged on the metropolitan highway system and the Massachusetts Turnpike from the rates in places on January 1, 2017; repeals provisions requiring tolls collected pay for the cost of owning, maintaining and operating the system, and payment of any notes or bonds due to pay such costs; directs the Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing all-electronic tolling along state and interstate highways not currently subject to a toll; regulates the components of the study, including feasibility, obtaining a federal waiver, reaching interstate or regional agreements for placement of additional tolls, and the ability to place border tolls with changes in Federal law; requires submission of the report by December 31, 2017.

### **Status**

Transportation

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## **SB2063 (SD1214) - An Act to reduce traffic and encourage shared rides**

### **Sponsor**

Sen. Brendan Crighton (D)

### **Summary**

Repeals provisions requiring so-called transportation network companies, or companies that use digital networks to connect drivers and riders for transportation (ride-sharing companies, ie: Uber, Lyft) to submit monthly reports detailing complaints alleging criminal behavior filed by drivers and riders; instead requires such companies to annually report the number of rides from the previous

calendar year that originated in each city or town and the amount collected from rider-assessments; establishes rider assessment amounts, and reduces the assessments for passengers who request to share the ride with one or more passengers. Amends GL 159A 1/2 (transportation network companies) by regulating pooled and shared rides; defines pooled rides as those in which passengers separately request to share the ride with one or more others ahead of time; requires ride sharing companies to provide clear and conspicuous fare estimates to all passengers at all times, including during surge pricing; requires the fare estimates to demonstrate cost differences between a shared ride and a single occupancy ride. Allows the municipalities included in the "14 cities and towns" of the original MTA system (Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Milton, Newton, Revere, Somerville and Watertown) to impose an additional congestion assessment of \$2.25 on ride shares during regular MBTA hours; requires the use of such funds for municipal investment in public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian investments, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure; prohibits other entities other than the Massachusetts Port Authority from imposing taxes or requiring additional licenses on transportation network companies or drivers.

**Status**

Transportation

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## **SB2083 (SD2135) - An Act establishing transit improvement districts**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Cindy Friedman (D)

**Status**

Transportation

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## **SB2110 (SD373) - An Act to establish a Massachusetts Transportation Endowment Fund (MTEF)**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Jason M. Lewis (D)

**Summary**

Adds a new chapter to the General Laws establishing a trust fund for capital construction on mass transit assets. Further specifies a yearly contribution by the legislature and the amount that may be expended each year; establishes a 5-member board to approve projects and specifies the qualifications for membership. Filed by request of Vincent Lawrence Dixon of Winchester.

**Status**

Transportation

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# **SB2114 (SD870) - An Act to explore alternative funding sources to ensure safe and reliable transportation**

## **Sponsor**

Sen. Jason M. Lewis (D)

## **Summary**

Establishes a pilot program to assess owners of motor vehicles a user fee that is based on the number of miles traveled on roads in this state by those motor vehicles (as an alternative to the 'diminishing' fuel tax revenues). The pilot program is to include at least 1,000 volunteers across the Commonwealth who are representative of drivers of trucks, passenger and commercial vehicles, who will have on-board vehicle-mileage-counting equipment added to their vehicles; the program is to test the reliability, ease of use, cost, and public acceptance of a user fee program; MassDOT may refund motor vehicle fuel taxes paid by participants in the pilot program or may otherwise compensate participants.

## **Status**

Transportation

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