



## SMART GROWTH AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES

### **FY20 Supplemental Budget Summary: Filed by Governor**

[H.5014](#) An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects

Every year, the legislature is required to finish the previous fiscal year's budget by the end of October. The Governor filed a supplemental budget for FY2020 that relies on capital gains taxes collected during FY20 that otherwise would have been added to the Stabilization or Rainy Day Fund. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, FY2020 closed with a nearly \$700 million budget gap. Sales taxes accounted for more than half of this shortfall.

The bill would allow \$108 million in FY20 authorizations that are not yet spent to carry into FY21. The bill proposes \$424 million in supplemental appropriations, mainly to cover MassHealth costs, at a net state cost of \$197 million.

Among the supplemental appropriations proposed, several are of interest to MAPC:

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| • 2000-1013 Dams and Culverts                        | \$300,000    |
| • 9110-9002 Grants to Councils on Aging              | \$250,000    |
| • 7004-9031 Accessible Affordable Housing Grants     | \$2,698,841  |
| • 7008-1024 MA Restaurant Commission                 | \$1,900,000  |
| • 7061-0012 Special Ed Circuit Breaker Reimbursement | \$11,910,774 |

There are several outside sections related to the ongoing COVID-19 response. These include:

- Makes technical changes to the Paid Family Medical Leave Act to define personal care attendants and family child care providers as eligible for benefits
- Establishes a deadline of 12/1/2020 for the ability granted to municipalities earlier in the pandemic to delay public hearings for permits or approvals for construction projects.
- Allows MBTA to use limited capital funds for employee costs. This language is currently in the Transportation Bond Bill being considered by a conference committee
- Requires transportation network companies to seek DPU approval to implement surge pricing during a state of emergency.
- Allows repurposing of appropriated funds relative to the Merrimack Valley gas explosion expenses to allow for preparation and responses to natural disaster.

### **Bill History**

- Oct 1, 2020 Filed by Governor and referred to HWM