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SB9 (SD169) - An Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy

Sponsor

Sen. Michael Barrett (D)

Summary

Submits An Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy, passed by the House and Senate last session and pocket vetoed by the Governor; imposes a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions standard by 2050, with increasingly stringent incremental targets and sector-based sublimits; requires DPU to use its regulatory powers to help the Commonwealth meet its emissions targets; directs DOER to develop a municipal opt-in specialized energy stretch code which includes a net-zero building definition; amends the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard to require that an increasing percentage of the Commonwealths electrical power be derived from renewable sources, reaching 40% in 2029; requires utilities to purchase additional quantities of off-shore wind power; enhances energy and water efficiency standards for a variety of consumer goods and appliances; sets out more stringent gas infrastructure safety requirements with increased penalties for violations; establishes the Clean Energy Equity Workforce and Market Development Program with the goal of maximizing employment opportunities for disadvantaged populations in the clean energy industry; establishes a grant program to support solar adoption by nonprofits, and requires new solar incentive programs to address solar access and affordability for low-income communities. For more information, please view our section-by-section summary of the original text, or our section-by-section summary of the enacted text.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, Environment, Net Zero

Last Action

2021-03-26 G - Signed by the Governor

HB4002 - An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements

Sponsor

Conference Committee

Summary

Submits the conference committee report finalizing the Fiscal Year 2022 budget; appropriates \$48.1 billion, including roughly \$19 billion for MassHealth, \$5.50 billion in Chapter 70 aid to school districts, \$1.17 billion in unrestricted local aid, \$1.19 billion for UMass, state universities and community colleges, \$403 million for MassDOT, and \$127 million for the MBTA. The outside sections extend and restructure the film tax credit; create new tax credits to encourage the hiring of persons with disabilities; establish a trust fund to support implementation of the Student Opportunity Act; establish a Parkinson's disease registry and advisory board; require testing of outstanding sexual

assault evidence kits; eliminate asset limits for TAFDC and EAEDC; authorize increased data sharing between DOR and the Health Connector to facilitate outreach to those without health insurance; promote offshore wind development; and commission a variety of studies on recovery from the pandemic, poverty, methamphetamine usage, nursing home licensure, mental health care, and the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. For more information, click to view our summaries of outside sections.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-07-29 S - Governor's veto of certain sections overridden - Section 121 (39/1)

HB4003 - An Act establishing a hate crimes task force

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's modifications to Section 6 of the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022 pertaining to the hate crimes task force; expands the membership of the task force and places the task force under the Governor's purview; directs the task force to report to both the legislature and the governor. (NOTE: the language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment C.)

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-08-04 G - Signed by the Governor

HB4004 - An Act relative to certain statutory funds and transfers of appropriations

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's modifications to Sections 7, 102 and 103 of the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022 pertaining to the Revere Beach Reservation Trust Fund, transfers to Pension Liability Fund, and transfers to Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund; modifies the source of funding from a FY 2022 projected tax receipts to monies available from the FY 2021 collections surplus. (NOTE: the language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment D.)

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-08-04 G - Signed by the Governor

HB4006 - An Act relative to alternative compliance payment liens

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's modifications to Section 12 of the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022 pertaining to alternative compliance payments owed by retail electric suppliers; allows DOER to attach a supplier's accounts receivable and other property acquired after the lien goes into effect. (NOTE: the language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment F.)

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-08-04 G - Signed by the Governor

HB4013 - An Act relative to sexual assault evidence kits

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Amends language requiring the testing of all previously untested sexual assault evidence kits, allowing for post-conviction evidence kits or evidence kits with extremely limited testable material to remain untested; removes a 180 day timeline for the testing of evidence kits, instead requiring the submission of kits for testing by June 30, 2022. (NOTE: the language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment M.)

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-08-04 G - Signed by the Governor

HB4015 - An Act relative to the distribution of certain grants to regional tourism councils

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Provides for two sets of grants to Regional Tourism Councils to be distributed by September 30 and December 30 of 2021, pushed back from September 1 and November 15 respectively. (NOTE: The language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment O.)

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-08-04 G - Signed by the Governor

HB4017 - An Act establishing a special commission to examine the Department of Public Health's nursing home licensure process and requirements

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Amends sections 71, 72E and 73 of GL Chapter 111 relative to the licensure and oversight of long term care facilities to authorize the granting of probationary or provisional licenses, grant DPH more flexibility to take administrative action other than license termination, and increase maximum fines for licensure violations. (NOTE: The language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment Q.)

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-08-04 G - Signed by the Governor

HB4005 - An Act relative to the water supply protection trust

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's modifications to Section 8 of the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022 pertaining to the Division of Water Supply Protection within the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR); eliminates executive office-ordered staffing caps and alternatively requires salaries, staffing levels and other employee expenses to be included in an annual staffing plan. (NOTE: the language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment E.)

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-09-30 S - Voted to override veto (35/3)

HB4007 - An Act relative to post-retirement employment of public retirees

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's modifications to Section 18 of the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022 pertaining to maximum post-retirement earnings of public employees; reduces maximum hours from 1,200 to 975; additionally, adds a new section 18A, allowing a waiver to the hours cap for personnel in positions when a critical shortage exists. NOTE: The language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment G.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-09-30 S - Voted to override veto (38/0)

HB4008 - An Act repealing certain tax expenditures

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's modifications to Sections 23, 30, 32, 33, 34 and 145 of the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022 pertaining to income tax deductions and tax expenditure reform; eliminates sections 30 (repeals medical device company tax credit), 33 (repeals medical device company tax credit) and 34 (repeals harbor maintenance tax credit); modifies sections 23 (energy patent deduction), 32 (alternative energy tax deduction) and 145 (Effective dates for tax reform) by making the repeal, originally effective on or after January 1, 2022, effective on or after January 1, 2021. (NOTE: the language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment H.)

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-09-30 S - Voted to override veto (33/5)

HB4009 - An Act relative to the taxation of pass-through entities

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's modifications to Sections 39 of the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022 pertaining to optional pass-through entity excise taxes equal to personal income taxes owed on members' flow-through income and accompanying tax credits; increases the tax credit amount from 90 percent to 100 percent; additionally implements the pass-through entity taxation provisions effective on or after January 1, 2021. NOTE: The language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment I.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-09-30 S - Voted to override veto (35/3)

HB4010 - An Act relative to parking fees on department of conservation and recreation roads

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's modifications to Section 42 of the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022 pertaining to parking meter authorization on public ways; repeals existing language that prohibits the Department of Conservation and Recreation from maintaining parking meters or charging for parking on public ways, without first obtaining approval from the municipality in which the public way is located; instead establishes and regulates the use of the Revere Beach Reservation Trust Fund for use by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs for the long-term preservation, maintenance, nourishment and public safety of Revere beach in the city of Revere; requires use of at least 50 percent of amounts collected at Revere beach from parking stations and parking violations to such fund; requires the department to meet with the city annually to discuss maintenance and safety for the following year. NOTE: The language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment J.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-09-30 S - Voted to override veto (37/1)

HB4011 - An Act relative to eligibility for emergency assistance to elderly, disabled residents and children

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's modifications to Section 47 of the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022 pertaining to elimination of the asset test for emergency assistance to the elderly, disabled and children; disqualifies applicants for benefits if assets exceed the total amount of resources allowed under the federal Supplemental Security Income program; classifies vehicles as assets in the same manner as allowed under the federal Supplemental Security Income program. NOTE: The language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment K.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-09-30 S - Voted to override veto (36/2)

HB4012 - An Act relative to eligibility for transitional aid to families with dependent children

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's modifications to Section 67 of the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022 pertaining to elimination of the asset test for transitional aid to families with dependent children; disqualifies applicants for benefits if assets exceed \$5,000; exempts the value of one vehicle from a family's countable resources; further exempts the value and balance of a college savings plan established for a child; continues eligibility for recipients who increase the value of their assets above \$5,000 during a benefit year. NOTE: The language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment L.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-09-30 S - Voted to override veto (37/1)

HB4014 - An Act providing operating assistance to regional transit authorities

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Reduces funding for RTAs to \$90.5 million, down from \$94 million; provides for \$3.5 million to be distributed to RTAs through performance grants, rather than through a formula based on ridership and the population of member communities. (NOTE: The language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment N.)

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-12-07 S - Voted to override veto (37/1)

HB4016 - An Act establishing a special legislative commission to study poverty in the Commonwealth

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Alters the membership of the proposed Special Legislative Commission to Study Poverty in the Commonwealth to remove several executive branch appointees. NOTE: The language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment P.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-09-30 S - Voted to override veto (36/2)

HB4018 - An Act establishing a higher education affordability task force

Sponsor

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's modifications to Section 135 of the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022 pertaining to a task force on higher education affordability; requires the board of higher education to convene the task force, and expands the scope of the task force to include an evaluation of the financing of public higher education in the Commonwealth and current trends in demographics and enrollment; requires the task force to make recommendations for improvement and reform in affordability, improved on-time college completion, decreased gaps in degree attainment across demographic groups, and improved alignment with regional and statewide workforce needs. NOTE: The language contained in this bill submits the originally printed language as found in HB4002, while the Governor's modified language can be found in HB4019 Attachment R.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-09-30 S - Voted to override veto (38/0)

HB4001 - An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements

Sponsor

House Bills in Third Reading

Summary

Submits the House version of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget — appropriates roughly \$47.716 billion, including \$18.97 billion for MassHealth, \$5.50 billion in Chapter 70 aid to school districts, \$1.17 billion in unrestricted local aid, \$1.18 billion for UMass, state universities and community colleges, \$351.6 million for MassDOT, and \$127 million for the MBTA; authorizes a transfer from the stabilization fund of up to \$1.875 billion. The outside sections establish an Offshore Wind Energy Career Training Trust Fund, create new tax credits to subsidize the hiring of persons with disabilities, establish a new program within MOBD to promote investment and development in rural areas; authorize increased data sharing between DOR and the Health Connector to facilitate outreach to those without health insurance; require DMH to inform frontline workers about available COVID-19 related support and resources; and establish several new special commissions responsible for examining public safety response to mental health emergencies, the nursing home licensure process, and the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. (Printed-as-amended version of HB4000, incorporating the text of several amendments adopted by the House — the amendments extend the film tax credit, increase the conservation land tax credit, establish a Parkinson's disease registry and advisory board, require testing of outstanding sexual assault evidence kits, and incorporate various earmarks for local projects.) For more information, review our section-by-section summary of outside sections.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-07-08 H - Conference committee reported in part - see HB4002View comparison to prior version

HB596 (HD2629) - An Act relative to school operational efficiency

Sponsor

Rep. Denise C. Garlick (D)

Summary

Amends GL 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act, to raise the threshold for competitive sealed bidding processes for municipal and regional school districts from \$50,000 to \$100,000; allows the use of enterprise funds for school transportation services and designates the school committee as the appropriate local entity in such instances; authorizes advance payment for services prior to the beginning of the fiscal year and the establishment of School Transportation Reimbursement funds to facilitate those payments; requires school bus operator licenses be processed within 14 days of application. (Note: The consideration of bus driver licenses is included in GL 90:7D and thus applicable not only to operator licenses under GL 90:8A but also common carrier licenses under GL 159A:9.)

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2021-11-17 S - Received in the Senate

HB4000 - An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements

Sponsor

House Committee on Ways & Means

Summary

Submits the House Ways & Means version of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget — appropriates roughly \$47.65 billion, including \$18.97 billion for MassHealth, \$5.50 billion in Chapter 70 aid to school districts, \$1.17 billion in unrestricted local aid, \$1.18 billion UMass, state universities and community colleges, \$351.6 million for MassDOT, and \$127 million for the MBTA; authorizes a transfer from the stabilization fund of up to \$1.875 billion. The outside sections establish an Offshore Wind Energy Career Training Trust Fund, create new tax credits to subsidize the hiring of persons with disabilities, establish a new program within MOBD to promote investment and development in rural areas; authorize increased data sharing between DOR and the Health Connector to facilitate outreach to those without health insurance; require DMH to inform frontline workers about available COVID-19 related support and resources; and establish several new special commissions responsible for examining public safety response to mental health emergencies, the nursing home licensure process, and the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. For more information, view our summaries of outside sections.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-05-03 H - Printed-as-amended version HB4001View comparison to prior version

SB880 (SD31) - An Act facilitating site plan review

Sponsor

Sen. Diana DiZoglio (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 7A to GL Chapter 40A (Zoning) authorizing cities and towns to adopt a local ordinance or by-law requiring site plan review and approval by a designated authority before a building permit is granted for the use of land or structures (in addition to whatever is already governed by a zoning ordinance or by-law); defines site plan review; provides for municipal approval.

Tracking Lists

Zoning Reform

Last Action

2022-02-10 S - Extension order filed (until 02/23/2022)

SB1006 (SD44) - An Act relative to statutes of repose**Sponsor**

Sen. Diana DiZoglio (D)

Summary

Amends GL 260:2B to extend the statute of repose for liability related to real property improvements from six to ten years; makes such changes and any future changes retroactive.

Tracking Lists

Business/Practice, Business/Practice

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB355 (HD104) - An Act relative to clarifying homeowners right to perform electrical work**Sponsor**

Rep. Peter J. Durant (R)

Summary

Amends GL 143:3L by prohibiting the inspector of wires from rejecting a permit application from an applicant who is not a licensed electrician if the property indicated on the application is; the applicant's primary residence, the applicant is the owner of the property, and the property is a single family home.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB2045 (SD75) - An Act relative to public bidding**Sponsor**

Sen. Diana DiZoglio (D)

Summary

Subjects quasi-public agencies to the laws regarding competitive bidding as it relates to contracts procurements for the construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance or repair of a building or for the procurement of modular buildings under GL 149:44A and GL 149:44A ½; subjects contracts procured through or administered by quasi-public agencies to public works job classification requirements under GL 149:27; requires quasi-public agencies or any private companies engaging in

projects for which they receive a tax credit to adhere to public works contracting provisions under GL 30:39M.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 149 and 149A, Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-01-31 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

HB2485 (HD133) - An Act relative to elevator inspection fees

Sponsor

Rep. David Paul Linsky (D)

Summary

Amends GL 143:64 to allow non-profit or charitable organizations to apply for a waiver from the state elevator inspection fee.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/04/2022)

HB381 (HD168) - An Act relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design

Sponsor

Rep. Patricia A. Haddad (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 275 to GL Chapter 112 creating licensure for commercial interior designers, requiring the licensure for any commercial interior design work that would require a permit; delimits work that would and would not fall under the licensure; requires each licensee to pass an exam set by the National Council for Interior Design Certification; establishes a continuing education requirement; prohibits the usage of the term 'registered' in conjunction with terms like 'commercial interior designer' except by licensees; directs the board of registration of commercial interior designers to approve a seal for use by licensees on plans and specifications; creates the designation 'commercial interior designer emeritus' for those licensee who retire after ten years of practice, allowing for expedited re-licensure but prohibiting practice in while so designated; amends GL Chapter 13 to establish a board of registration of commercial interior designers, specifying membership qualification, required meetings, and procedure.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 7c bills, Interior Design, Interior Design

Last Action

2021-11-08 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB218

HB538 (HD174) - An Act relative to the safety of schools, residences, and public assemblies

Sponsor

Rep. Brian M. Ashe (D)

Summary

Establishes the School Carbon Monoxide Safety Trust Fund, financed with an initial \$7.5 million transfer; provides for the distribution of grants to public school districts for the installation of carbon monoxide detection systems. In addition, the bill requires the installation of carbon monoxide detection systems in a number of different venues, including restaurants, one and two family homes, apartment buildings, and primary and secondary schools.

Comment

05/20/21 - Committee hearing - This bill is a refile and has been previously given a favorable from the Education Committee. No one offered and testimony.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, BBRS, BBRS, BBRS, Chapter 148 bills, Chapter 148 bills, Chapter 148 bills, Chapter 148 bills, Chapter 70B, Chapter 70B, Chapter 70B, Chapter 70B, Chapter 70B, Chapter 70B

Last Action

2021-07-21 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB653

HB548 (HD270) - An Act relative to the Massachusetts School Building Authority

Sponsor

Rep. Natalie Blais (D)

Summary

Amends GL 10:35BB (school modernization and reconstruction trust fund) by Increasing the dedicated sales and use, and storage, use, and consumption tax revenues allocated to the trust fund from one to two percent; adds a new Section 5A to GL Chapter 70B prohibiting the school building authority from denying applications for a school facilities grant solely on the age of the system in need of repair; allows the authority to prioritize repair of older systems.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB306

SB2165 (SD159) - An Act increasing solar rooftop energy

Sponsor

Sen. James B. Eldridge (D)

Summary

Adds a new GL Chapter 143A (Solar Homes and Businesses), directing the Board of Building Regulations and Standards to include in the state building code a requirement for new construction to accommodate solar energy systems; requires single family homes to have energy systems capable of meeting the average electrical demand of homes of similar size; requires multi-family homes up to ten stories to include systems of a size determined by the board; allows the board to set minimum standards for solar capacity for additional building types; allows developers to seek an exemption if they can demonstrate that there is less than 80 square feet (roughly the size of 4/12; standard residential solar panels) of area at which a solar installation would produced at least 70% of the energy of an unshaded system; allows for an exemption if an alternative renewable energy system will be installed at the time of construction; allows for a exemption if a solar water heater will be installed at the time of construction that will take up the available effective solar area (meeting the 70% capacity of an unshaded energy threshold); and establishes a civil penalty for failure to comply in the form of a fine set at the greater of \$10,000 or double the additional cost that would have been incurred to comply.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB2416 (HD305) - An Act relative to fire protection

Sponsor

Rep. Ruth B. Balser (D)

Summary

Amends GL 148:26I, regulating automatic sprinkler systems in multiple dwelling residential units; requires automatic sprinkler systems in any units which undergo a major renovation or modification; authorizes the installation of alternative or modified systems when there is inadequate water supply; requires heads of fire departments to enforce these requirements; regulates appeals of decisions of local fire departments regarding sprinkler installation to the automatic sprinkler appeals board.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 148 bills, Chapter 148 bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

HB3317 (HD334) - An Act protecting ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs

Sponsor

Rep. Kenneth I. Gordon (D)

Summary

Prohibits the Department of Public Utilities from approving contracts for the purchase of gas, gas pipeline capacity or liquefied gas storage under GL 164:94A when the contracts require the expansion

or construction of interstate gas infrastructure, and when it calls for contract cost recovery from ratepayers.

Tracking Lists

Energy

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/02/2022)

HB2944 (HD361) - An Act relative to private school land use

Sponsor

Rep. Steven S. Howitt (R)

Summary

Adds a new Section 24 to GL Chapter 30B requiring out-of-state educational entities using property in Massachusetts to negotiate a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) with their local land use authority.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB2452 (HD583) - An Act relative to increasing hotel and motel safety

Sponsor

Rep. Shawn Dooley (R)

Summary

Amends GL 143:21D relative to auxiliary emergency lighting systems to require all newly constructed and substantially renovated motels, hotels or inns, to have accommodations with an auxiliary emergency lighting system at a height no greater than 18 inches above the floor, independent of the conventional lighting system. This system is to include lighted signs indicating both a primary and secondary exit by a diagram or symbol so as to assure recognition by all persons, regardless of their English-speaking ability.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

SB1589 (SD228) - An Act relative to safe building materials

Sponsor

Sen. Paul Feeney (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 26J to GL Chapter 148 (Fire Prevention) establishing the Light Frame Construction Code and regulating such construction.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, MAAB bills, Concrete bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

HB1 (HD1) - An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements

Sponsor

Governor Charlie Baker (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's fiscal year 2022 budget recommendations — appropriates roughly \$45.6 billion, including \$17.569 billion for MassHealth, \$1.168 billion in local aid, \$5.481 billion in Chapter 70 aid to school districts, \$1.310 billion for UMass, state universities and community colleges, \$401.6 million for MassDOT, and \$127 million in MBTA operating assistance; authorizes a transfer of \$1.6 billion from the Stabilization Fund. Additionally, the outside sections place an excise tax on opioids distributed in the Commonwealth; penalize excessive increases in drug prices; expand and restructure an assessment on hospitals; provide for substantially expanded data collection on ride sharing services; limit the accrual of sick leave for executive branch employees; establish a new board of directors for the MBTA; modernize sales tax collection; and allow cashless lottery payments. For more information, view our section-by-section summary.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 143 - Elevators

Last Action

2021-04-14 H - Reported by committee in part - see HB4000

HB1450 (HD758) - An Act relative to reducing damage caused by the current foreclosure crisis in the historic districts of Massachusetts

Sponsor

Rep. Bud Williams (D)

Summary

Creates a Historic District Stabilization Committee as non-profit corporation; authorizes to procure by eminent domain any real estate or real estate related property interest including, but not limited to, mortgages and tax obligation; undertakes a methodical study of the Historic District Community and real estate market to measure the economic capacity of likely home buyers and the Historic District.

Tracking Lists

historic

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB1942 (HD834) - An Act requiring OSHA training

Sponsor

Rep. Tackey Chan (D)

Summary

Adds new Section 101 to GL Chapter 143 (Inspection and Regulation of Buildings, Elevators and Cinematographs) to require any employer in the construction industry that contracts with clients or customers in residential, commercial, or public works projects, and whose business is subject to oversight by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), to have its employees receive no less than 10 hours of OSHA training; directs employers that contract with independent contractors to require the independent contractor to provide evidence of completing at least 10 hours of a training course approved by OSHA; establishes fines for violations; adds new Section 102 directing the Board of Building Regulations and Standards to issue guidelines by which cities and towns may issue permits to employers in the construction industry that have violated the previous Section or OSHA regulations; provides that these provisions shall not restrict routine home maintenance performed by homeowners; clarifies that projects completed for less than or equal to \$10,000.00 remain exempt from this law.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-07 H - Extension order filed (until 04/04/2022)

SB1617 (SD356) - An Act relative to elevator certification fees

Sponsor

Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)

Summary

Amends GL 143:65 relative to the inspection and regulation of elevators to establish that if the owner or operator of an elevator contracted with a 3rd party for the purpose of maintaining the elevator, any fines relative to expired certifications are to be paid by that 3rd party instead of the owner.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 143 - Elevators

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

SB332 (SD379) - An Act relative to carbon monoxide detectors in schools

Sponsor

Sen. Ryan Fattman (R)

Summary

Adds a new Section 2WWWW to GL Chapter 29 and amends GL 148:26F½ to require that all public and private elementary schools that contain fossil-fuel burning equipment or incorporate enclosed parking within its structure install carbon monoxide alarms; provides that until 2021, battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms may be used in those schools; establishes the School Carbon Monoxide Safety Trust Fund, to be administered by DESE, in consultation with the Department of Fire Safety, for use for grants to public school districts to install carbon monoxide detection systems; and requires that the State Comptroller transfer \$7,500,000 from the General Fund to the School Carbon Monoxide Safety Trust Fund by 2019.

Comment

05/20/21 - Committee hearing - This bill is a refile and has been previously given a favorable from the Education Committee.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2021-07-21 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB653

SB1857 (SD368) - An Act to promote sustainable economic development throughout Massachusetts

Sponsor

Sen. Ryan Fattman (R)

Summary

Amends GL 63:2A and GL 63:38 regulating corporate net income accrued and taxable in Massachusetts; staggers implementation of changes over a 4 year period between 2020 and 2023; amends the calculation of net income of financial institutions, previously determined by equally weighing the taxpayers' receipts factor, property factor and payroll factor and dividing by 3; amends the calculation of net income of other corporations previously determined by taking the property factor plus the payroll factor plus twice times the sales factor and dividing by 4; establishes new formula for implementation over a four year time frame, providing different weights of each of the different factors, with their elimination in 2023; repeals provisions regulating the calculation of the property factor and the payroll factor effective 2023; further defines various financial services and investment services related industries for the purpose of calculating corporate tax obligations.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB2174 (HD912) - An Act regarding mandatory land use board training

Sponsor

Rep. Kevin G. Honan (D)

Summary

Amends GL 23B:3 relative to the powers and duties of the Department of Housing and Community Development, to authorize the Department (in consultation with certain others) to establish, conduct and maintain an annual program of education, self-evaluation, and training for members of local planning boards and zoning boards of appeals, at no cost to municipalities; requires every member of local planning boards and zoning boards of appeals, within 60 days after becoming a board member (and every 2 years thereafter) to complete the education, self-evaluation, and training program, either online or in-person.

Tracking Lists

Zoning Reform

Last Action

2021-12-13 H - Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

SB2089 (SD403) - An Act relative to Commonwealth building projects

Sponsor

Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)

Summary

Raises the cost cap for projects exempt from the Designer Selection Board, from those costing under \$300,000 to those under \$1 million. NOTE: This bill references Chapter 113 of the Acts of 2018, which raised the exemption from \$100,000 to \$300,000, but cites the \$100,000 figure as it appears in the 2016 Edition of the General Laws.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 7c bills

Last Action

2022-01-24 S - Accompanied study order - see SB2620

HB3716 (HD943) - An Act to ensure the health and safety of the Commonwealth's students and educators

Sponsor

Rep. Jim Hawkins (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 117A to GL Chapter 149 (Labor and Industries) creating a requirement that local school buildings achieve a minimum level of ventilation in occupied spaces, within two years of the effective date; establishes standards and testing requirements for ventilation; allows employees to file complaints with the Department of Labor Standards and authorizes the department to order schools to remedy violation; directs the Massachusetts School Building Authority to create a new temporary category for remodeling to fulfill the new requirement; requires DESE to establish a testing program for schools and provide PPE and facial coverings for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency; establishes a special commission to study school ventilation and report to the legislature by December 1, 2022.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-02-03 H - Extension order filed (until 03/15/2022)

SB250 (SD407) - An Act to ensure the health and safety of the Commonwealth's students and educators

Sponsor

Sen. Paul Feeney (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 117A to GL Chapter 149 (Labor and Industries) creating a requirement that local school buildings achieve a minimum level of ventilation in occupied spaces, within two years of the effective date; establishes standards and testing requirements for ventilation; allows employees to file complaints with the Department of Labor Standards and authorizes the department to order schools to remedy violation; directs the Massachusetts School Building Authority to create a new temporary category for remodeling to fulfill the new requirement; requires DESE to establish a testing program for schools and provide PPE and facial coverings for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency; establishes a special commission to study school ventilation and report to the legislature by December 1, 2022.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-02-03 H - Extension order filed (until 03/15/2022)

HB1959 (HD967) - An Act to prevent wage theft, promote employer accountability, and enhance public enforcement

Sponsor

Rep. Daniel Donahue (D)

Summary

Adds three new sections to GL Chapter 149 (labor and industries) to establish accountability in labor contracting and subcontracting; requires employers to provide all employees with the listed

employment information within 10 days of hiring, including pay rates, the basis for the rates, (i.e.: hourly, weekly, biweekly, salary, piece, etc.), the regular pay day, the name of the employer, allowances claimed and employer contact information; subjects a lead contractor to joint and several civil liability with contractors and subcontractors for wages, damages, interest, penalties or attorney's fees for a subcontractors wage theft. Provides that if the Attorney General find that that an employer fails to obtain unemployment insurance or is engaging in a wage theft violation, that the AG may issue a stop work order against the violator requiring the cessation of all business operations; entitles violators to hearings when requested within 10 days; imposes liability and work stoppage against a successor if they have at least one principal or officer in common and that is engaged in the same line of business; entitles employees affected by a work stoppage to pay for up to 10 days; allows employees to file complaints alleging wage theft. Amends provisions relating to the right of employees to protect their rights related to wages, hours and payment under GL 149:150 or related to minimum fair wages under GL 151:19; defines adverse actions by employers against employees protecting those rights as subject to civil proceedings, and entitles employees to actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief or any other appropriate relief; establishes a rebuttable presumption that an employer who discriminates against employees for protecting their rights is liable. Adds a new Section 148H to GL Chapter 149, authorizing a relator to bring suit to enforce the listed labor violations; defines a relator as a whistleblower or a representative organization that acts as a plaintiff in a public enforcement actions; authorizes courts to issue penalties that could otherwise be imposed by the attorney general in such cases; regulates procedures for such cases, including distribution of penalties imposed.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 149 and 149A, Chapter 149 and 149A

Last Action

2022-02-07 H - Extension order filed (until 04/04/2022)

SB296 (SD420) - An Act promoting equity in school building assistance and ensuring best practice incentives are available for all school building projects

Sponsor

Sen. Joanne Comerford (D)

Summary

Amends GL 70B:10 (School Building Assistance Program) to require that grants and financial assistance provided by said program be guided by principles of equity and take into account the need to address historic patterns of injustice and inequity; amends GL 78:10 (School Building Assistance Formula), in the case of an approved school project where the Base Percentage (A) + Community Income Factor (B1) + Community Property Wealth Factor (B2) + Community Poverty Factor (B3) under this section equals 63 per cent or more, to award incentive percentage (C) points to said project, allowing the reimbursement percentage for said project to exceed 80 per cent.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 S - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB306

HB2417 (HD1009) - An Act relative to enhanced fire protection in new one- and two-family dwellings

Sponsor

Rep. Ruth B. Balser (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 26J to GL Chapter 148 and amends GL 148:27A to require, in municipalities that adopt this provision, installation of automatic sprinklers in newly constructed single and two-unit dwellings: provides an exemption from the prohibition against shutting off a sprinkler system without a permit, for seasonal shut-off of automatic sprinklers, as defined by and in accordance with regulations of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 148 bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

SB354 (SD433) - An Act to improve and enhance the Advisory Board to the Massachusetts School Building Authority

Sponsor

Sen. Jason M. Lewis (D)

Summary

Amends GL 70B:3A (school building advisory board) to include appointees of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational School Administrators, Inc. and the Association of Vocational Technical Education Coalition as board members.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 S - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB306

HB2454 (HD1024) - An Act relative to combustible gas detectors

Sponsor

Rep. Shawn Dooley (R)

Summary

Amends GL 148:26F to require that the owners of any residential building containing combustible gas burning equipment install working combustible gas detection alarms, that are approved by the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations; requires landlords and building superintendents to install such alarms at the beginning of any rental period and to annually replace batteries in battery operated alarms and inspect hard-wired alarms; requires inspection by the fire department for compliance with the combustible gas detector requirement, which was in effect on the date of the issuance of the relevant

building permit, upon upon sale or transfer of a residential building; and requires that the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations and the Department of Public Health each adopt regulations to effectuate these provisions.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 111 bills - DPH, Chapter 111 bills - DPH, Chapter 148 bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB541 (HD1052) - An Act to expand the Massachusetts School Building Authority and create a new program to assist public school districts with 21st century technology upgrades

Sponsor

Rep. Bruce J. Ayers (D)

Summary

Adds new Section 21 to GL Chapter 70B (School Building Assistance Program) to require the School Building Assistance Authority to create a technology upgrade program for school districts to provide partial funding throughout the Commonwealth for school technology upgrades; provides that said program shall be a competitive grant program and that such grants shall be distributed by the Authority on the basis of need and urgency; requires the Authority to maintain funding for all capital programs in existence on January 1, 2021 in an amount equal to or greater than the funding for said programs in fiscal year 2021.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB306

HB283 (HD1155) - An Act regarding municipal master plans

Sponsor

Rep. Michelle Ciccolo (D)

Summary

Amends GL 41:81D relative to master plans in the chapter on Officers and Employees of Cities, Towns and Districts by establishing that a master plan may include an economic development element, an open space and recreation element, a services and facilities element, a circulation element, an energy management element, a water management element, a public health element, a climate element, and an arts and culture element; defines the contents of these various elements; establishes that these plans and their elements may be provided in both paper or electronic format. Establishes that a municipality in Barnstable or Dukes Counties may adopt a local comprehensive plan (pursuant to SL 1989:716 and SL 1977:831) and regulations and regional policy plans adopted under those chapters. Additionally the bill makes certain technical and grammatical changes.

Tracking Lists

Zoning Reform

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB3347 (HD1159) - An Act promoting zero-emission vehicles

Sponsor

Rep. Joan Meschino (D)

Summary

Directs the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to disclose the type of vehicle and address of the owner of an electric vehicle to the electric distribution company or municipal light plant servicing the residence; directs the distributor or plant to inform said owners of the disclosure; prohibits the use of the information for purposes other than providing information on energy rates and programs; authorizes the DOER Commissioner to apportion funds from a number of emissions control, alternative compliance, and other programs to establish a rebate program for zero-emission vehicle purchases upon the exhaustion of the MOR-EV program funds. Further directs distributors to submit proposals for 'opt-in time of use' rates for electric vehicle owners to DPU for approval; directs DOER and MassDOT to file a report on public electric vehicle charging station priorities with the Legislature; directs the RMV to provide distinctive plates at not additional cost for plug-in electric vehicles; requires the Board of Building Standards and Regulation to include requirements for electric vehicle charging stations in residential and appropriate commercial buildings.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/02/2022)

SB1976 (SD536) - An Act creating the Preservation of Historic Buildings Trust Fund

Sponsor

Sen. Michael F. Rush (D)

Summary

Establishes a new Historic Public Buildings Preservation Trust Fund on the books of the Commonwealth; amends the provisions on the income tax to establish a historic public buildings trust fund, voluntary contributions checkoff; establishes that at the beginning of each fiscal year, \$1 will be credited from the General Fund to the Historic Public Buildings Preservation Trust Fund for each dollar contributed by the public in the prior fiscal year under the checkoff.

Tracking Lists

historic, historic

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB1640 (SD543) - An Act relative to fire safety

Sponsor

Sen. Michael F. Rush (D)

Summary

Amends GL 146:81 and 146:84 to require licensure as a fire protection sprinkler system contractor or sprinkler fitter to work on a fire protection sprinkler system; amends the definition of 'fire protection sprinkler system' to include pumps dedicated for fire protection; defines 'work on a fire protection sprinkler system' as the onsite layout, on-site fabrication, work and practice concerning the construction, installation, alteration or extension of fire suppression systems, modification, repair, removal and initial acceptance testing and inspection, testing, maintenance and service of a fire protection sprinkler system.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 146, Chapter 146

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

HB3145 (HD1191) - An Act relative to timely public payments for work not included in original construction contracts

Sponsor

Rep. William C. Galvin (D)

Summary

Amends GL 30:39G and GL 30:39K relative to the completion of public works; requires awarding authorities to pay for all work performed pursuant to a signed time and materials itemized invoice, extra work orders and notice to proceed; requires payment within 65 days of approval.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2021-12-27 H - New draft substituted - see HB4308View comparison to substituted version

HB424 (HD1210) - An Act relative to the licensure of swimming pool builders and service contractors

Sponsor

Rep. Kate Lipper-Garabedian (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 101 to GL Chapter 140 directing the Massachusetts board of building regulations to adopt and enforce regulations implementing a swimming pool construction and installation work license and a swimming pool maintenance, service, and repair work license; requires the regulations to include scope of work and experience, training and examinations requires for licensing; authorizes

use of the requirements of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code; imposes fines in increasing amounts for initial and subsequent unlicensed pool work; authorizes grandfathering provisions and fees for initial licensing and renewals; requires implementation by January 1, 2022.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, BBRS, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2021-11-10 H - Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

SB1382 (SD579) - An Act for healthy and green public schools

Sponsor

Sen. Joanne Comerford (D)

Summary

Directs the department of public health and the department of elementary and secondary education to implement a healthy and green public schools; requires the program determine the extent to which school buildings provide students a healthy environment conducive to learning and that are also energy efficient and that limit exposure to toxic building materials; requires the program to develop standards for schools, and to develop a plan so all schools meet such standards by 2050; requires assessments to evaluate the listed issues, including infectious disease prevention, air quality, water quality, thermal comfort, protection against pests and pollutants and access to outdoor and green space; requires recommendations to consider unique characteristics of urban environments and historic patterns of injustice; establishes and regulates the membership and operation of an advisory committee charged with guiding the program; requires publication of assessment findings by June 30, 2022, and publication of initial standards and recommendations by December 31, 2022.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2021-12-02 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SB1808 (SD629) - An Act providing tax relief to seniors while creating affordable housing

Sponsor

Sen. Harriette L. Chandler (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 50 to GL Chapter 59 (Assessment of local taxes) granting municipalities the ability to enter into agreements with homeowners that grant property tax deferrals in exchange for a right of first refusal; requires such municipalities to file a Homes Protection Plan with DHCD; authorizes municipalities to assign the right of first refusal on some properties to non-profit housing corporations or other public bodies; establishes a deed restriction on any parcel acquired under this process to be used as affordable housing for at least 30 years.

Tracking Lists

Zoning Reform, Zoning Reform, Zoning Reform, Zoning Reform, Zoning Reform, Zoning Reform

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Revenue

SB2026 (SD638) - An Act establishing gender neutral bathrooms

Sponsor

Sen. Joanne Comerford (D)

Summary

Amends GL Chapter 142 (Supervision of Plumbing) to require the board of state examiners of plumbers and pipe fitters to promulgate regulations to allow gender neutral bathrooms to be designed and installed in any use group defined by the 780 CMR Massachusetts state building code, regardless of whether the work being performed is new construction or repair, renovation or alteration work.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 142 bills - Plumbing

Last Action

2022-02-22 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

HB3348 (HD1281) - An Act relative to monthly minimum reliability contributions

Sponsor

Rep. Joan Meschino (D)

Summary

Amends GL 164:139, regulating net metering and limitations on aggregate capacity for Class I, II or III electric metering facilities; directs the department of public utilities to exempt municipal ratepayers, low-income ratepayers and community solar ratepayers from monthly minimum reliability contributions included on electric bills to cover the fixed costs of using the electrical grid.

Tracking Lists

Energy, Energy

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB212 (SD662) - An Act further defining gas fitting under the regulation of plumbing

Sponsor

Sen. John F. Keenan (D)

Summary

Amends the definition of 'gas fitting' in GL Chapter 142 (Supervision of Plumbing) to add work related to radon gas or methane gas as coming within the purview of this kind of work.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 142 bills - Plumbing, Chapter 142 bills - Plumbing

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Accompanied study order

SB2144 (SD675) - An Act promoting local energy investment and infrastructure modernization

Sponsor

Sen. Joanne Comerford (D)

Summary

Amends GL 164:146 to require electric distribution companies to annually hold a competitive solicitation for electric distribution system resiliency non-wires alternatives from third party developers, and excludes corporate affiliates from that solicitation; adds a new Section 148 to GL Chapter 164 requiring each electric distribution company to file an triennial Grid Modernization Plan to anticipate changes in energy resources over the following ten years; requires that plans include a roll-out of advanced metering technology by December 31, 2026; requires approval of plans by the Grid Modernization Consumer Board each year, following a process of review and comment by the board; establishes the Grid Modernization Consumer Board, consisting of nine members, six of whom would be appointed by the governor in addition to the commissioners of DEP and DER and the Attorney General; authorizes the board to hire independent expert consultants, provided they have no relationship with any electric distribution company; and requires electric distribution companies to file quarterly reports on plan implementation.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-07-22 H - Hearing Scheduled 07/28/2021 10:00 AM - Public Hearing, Virtual Hearing

SB359 (SD682) - An Act relative to school operational efficiency

Sponsor

Sen. Jason M. Lewis (D)

Summary

Amends various provisions related to the uniform procurement act under GL Chapter 30B; increases the maximum value of procurements subject to written quotes from at least 3 bidders from \$50,000 to \$100,000; increases the minimum value of procurements subject to sealed bidding procedures from \$50,000 to \$100,000; increases the minimum value of procurements subject to competitive sealed proposals from \$50,000 to \$100,000; increases the minimum value of procurements which can use reverse auctions from \$50,000 to \$100,000; increases the minimum value of procurements for library books, school textbooks, educational programs, educational courses, educational curricula in any

media including educational software, newspapers, serials, periodicals, audiovisual materials or software which may use sole source procurement methods from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Amends provisions related to the payment of municipal bills under GL Chapter 41, by permitting payment for school travel prior to the date of travel or for software licenses, software maintenance agreements or online subscription services for school curriculum prior to the fiscal year in which services will be rendered; authorizes municipalities to use enterprise funds for payment of school transportation services; repeals bans on paying for orders for school equipment and materials made prior to the commencement of said ensuing fiscal year; authorizes municipalities to establish school transportation reimbursement funds; requires deposit of reimbursements made by the commonwealth to said fund and allows their use to be carried over for one year; allows use of such funds by a school district for transportation expenses without further appropriation.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2021-07-21 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB596

HB6 (HD6) - An Act relative to Chapter 30B

Sponsor

Inspector General

Summary

Amends GL Chapter 30B to make technical corrections, including correcting statutory references based on recently enacted amendments to other statutes; strikes a section of Chapter 30B that is duplicative; increases from \$2000 to \$10,000 the fine for any person who causes or conspires with another to cause a contract to be solicited or awarded in violation of a provision of Chapter 30B.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 04/15/2022)

HB7 (HD7) - An Act updating Chapter 30B

Sponsor

Inspector General

Summary

Amends various provisions relative to GL 30B (uniform procurement act) for the purpose of promoting best practices, fair competition and transparency; presents language to clarify certain definitions; eliminates or amends various exemptions to mandatory use of uniform procurement procedures, including those related to expert witnesses, services provided by municipal gas or electric departments, contracts with labor relations representatives, lawyers, or certified public accountants, snow plowing, boat slips, berths, or moorings, towing and storage for motor vehicles, photography services entered into by a public school and others; modifies the proposal solicitation process. Additionally authorizes non-use of UPC procedures in utility procurement after investigations determine that one source exists, in emergency situations or if in the best interest of the awarding

authority; details procedures for non-use of UPC bidding; regulates use of public or online auctioning for disposal of supplies valued at less than \$10,000; authorizes and regulates the disposal of real property without UPC bidding or at an undervalued price in emergency situations.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 04/15/2022)

SB1333 (SD710) - An Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by permitting local option all-electric buildings and homes ordinances

Sponsor

Sen. James B. Eldridge (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 101 to GL Chapter 143, entitled, "Local Option for All-Electric Buildings and Homes," to authorize municipalities to require new building permit applications submitted after January 1, 2022 to be all-electric and to prohibit on-site fossil fuel infrastructure, with certain limited exceptions; sets out the process by which a city or town may accept the provisions of this section.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 142 bills - Plumbing, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-01-31 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means

HB2167 (HD1296) - An Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by permitting local option all-electric buildings and homes ordinances

Sponsor

Rep. Tami Gouveia (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 101 to GL Chapter 143, entitled, "Local Option for All-Electric Buildings and Homes," to authorize municipalities to require new building permit applications submitted after January 1, 2022 to be all-electric and to prohibit on-site fossil fuel infrastructure, with certain limited exceptions; sets out the process by which a city or town may accept the provisions of this section.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 142 bills - Plumbing, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/02/2022)

HB653 (HD1303) - An Act relative to carbon monoxide alarms in schools

Sponsor

Rep. Kate Lipper-Garabedian (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 2DDDDD to GL Chapter 29 (State Finance) to establish the School Carbon Monoxide Safety Trust Fund administered by the commissioner of DESE, funded with an initial \$7,500,000 transferred from the general fund; requires school districts to submit a carbon monoxide detection system installation plan in order to receive money from the fund; directs DESE to file an annual report with the legislature on the status of the fund. Amends GL 148:26F½ (Fire Prevention) and 70B:6 (School Building Assistance Program) to require that schools with fossil-fuel burning equipment or enclosed parking be equipped with carbon monoxide alarms; requires a proposed school project to include a plan for the installation of carbon monoxide detection systems in order to receive funding from the School Building Authority. Directs the state board of building regulations and standards to adopt a requirement for all new or substantially rehabilitated school buildings to have carbon monoxide detection systems.

Comment

05/20/21 - Committee hearing - This bill is a refile and has been previously given a favorable from the Education Committee.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, BBRS, BBRS, BBRS, Chapter 148 bills, Chapter 148 bills, Chapter 148 bills, Chapter 148 bills, Chapter 70B, Chapter 70B, Chapter 70B, Chapter 70B, Chapter 70B, Chapter 70B

Last Action

2021-07-21 H - Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

HB666 (HD1435) - An Act to expand the capacity of career technical schools and programs

Sponsor

Rep. Frank A. Moran (D)

Summary

Adds new sections to GL Chapter 69 (Department of elementary and secondary education) to establish an office of career technical education to promote career technical education demonstration programs in which students split time between their comprehensive high school and a school offering vocational programs; amends GL Chapter 71 (Aid to public schools) to provide that any regional or county vocational or agricultural school shall receive a one-year expansion grant in any fiscal year in which its foundation enrollment increases by more than two percent over the previous fiscal year; amends GL Chapter 70B (School building assistance program) to add the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc. and the Alliance for Vocational Technical Education Coalition as advisory board members; amends GL Chapter 71 (Public schools) to increase from 5 to 50 years the maximum time a regional school district may lease land and buildings; establishes a career technical education commission; provides for a capital authorization of \$3 billion for capital investments for career and technical education programs and career and technical education regional schools; allows municipalities to increase taxes to pay for Regional Vocational school debt service charges.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2021-06-24 H - Hearing Scheduled 07/06/2021 12:00 PM - Public Hearing, Virtual Hearing

HB3093 (HD1450) - An Act for a new forestry deal for Massachusetts forest landowners

Sponsor

Rep. Susannah M. Whipps (I)

Summary

Submits the “new forestry deal for Massachusetts landowners”, a framework to modify forest and farmland tax programs in the commonwealth; amends GL 61 (classification and taxation of forest lands and forest products), GL 61A (assessment and classification of agricultural and horticultural land, and GL 132 (forestry); repeals provisions impeding landowner registration, including the so called-right of first refusal and conveyance taxes for early withdrawal; reduces taxes on enrolled land to zero; reduces eligible minimum acreage; establishes a tax credit for enrolled landowners of \$100 per acre per year; modifies provisions towards permanent protection through a conservation easement.Requires all forest cutting plans to be for long term management; eliminates short-term harvesting; establishes a state rule called a right to practice forestry which supersedes local requirements; eliminates the forester for the birds program; relocates forester licensing from DCR to the division of professional licensure; modifies forester registration requirements; modifies various components of DCR’s approval of forest management, forest stewardship and forest cutting plans;Adds combined heat & power biomass energy facilities to the list of qualified renewable energy facilities in the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) Class I category; classifies such facilities as eligible for full renewable energy certificates (RECs); defines all biomass derived from woodlots with an approved forest cutting plan as sustainable; additionally defines woody biomass units as achieving a 50 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions over 20 years if forests are growing faster than the harvest; defines all forest biomass from DCR approved cutting plans as carbon neutral; establishes a 30 percent investment tax credit for at least six regional CHP plants and at least two wood pellet plants; mandates price supports on chipwood from lots with a DCR approved cutting plan.Requires and regulates the establishment of plans to control non-native insect infestations and non-native invasive plants; bans the net forest loss due to construction of solar farms.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB231 (SD849) - An Act prohibiting certain termination and cancellation fees

Sponsor

Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R)

Summary

Adds a new Section 9 to GL Chapter 25C (Telecommunications and Cable) to prohibit providers of telephone, cellular telephone, television, internet, energy or water services from imposing a fee for termination or early cancellation of a service contract in the even the customer dies before the end of said contract; establishes a fine for violation of this Act.

Tracking Lists

Energy

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Accompanied study order

SB2209 (SD939) - An Act relative to air monitoring stations

Sponsor

Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R)

Summary

Adds a new Section 142P to GL Chapter 111, which requires the placement of at least one air monitoring station within a one-mile radius of any working natural gas compressor station to collect data and verify compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards; funds construction and maintenance through fees paid for building permits by the operating energy corporation; requires the Department of Environmental Protection to staff the stations to allow data collection at different times.

Tracking Lists

Energy

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB3136 (HD1510) - An Act further defining fraud in public construction contracts

Sponsor

Rep. Shawn Dooley (R)

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.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills, Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB474 (HD1567) - An Act relative to electrical wiring and permitting

Sponsor

Rep. Steven Xiarhos (R)

Summary

Amends GL 143:3L (Regulations relative to electrical wiring and fixtures) to allow permit applications for electrical work, and notice of the project's completion, to be submitted electronically.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-03-04 H - Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

HB3261 (HD1685) - An Act promoting local energy investment and infrastructure modernization

Sponsor

Rep. Natalie Blais (D)

Summary

Amends GL 164:146 to require electric distribution companies to annually hold a competitive solicitation for electric distribution system resiliency non-wires alternatives from third party developers, and excludes corporate affiliates from that solicitation; adds a new Section 148 to GL Chapter 164 requiring each electric distribution company to file an triennial Grid Modernization Plan to anticipate changes in energy resources over the following ten years; requires that plans include a roll-out of advanced metering technology by December 31, 2026; requires approval of plans by the Grid Modernization Consumer Board each year, following a process of review and comment by the board; establishes the Grid Modernization Consumer Board, consisting of nine members, six of whom would be appointed by the governor in addition to the commissioners of DEP and DER and the Attorney General; authorizes the board to hire independent expert consultants, provided they have no relationship with any electric distribution company; and requires electric distribution companies to file quarterly reports on plan implementation.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/02/2022)

SB2151 (SD1066) - An Act promoting zero-emission vehicles

Sponsor

Sen. Brendan Crighton (D)

Summary

Directs the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to disclose the type of vehicle and address of the owner of an electric vehicle to the electric distribution company or municipal light plant servicing the residence; directs the distributor or plant to inform said owners of the disclosure; prohibits the use of the information for purposes other than providing information on energy rates and programs; authorizes

the DOER Commissioner to apportion funds from a number of emissions control, alternative compliance, and other programs to establish a rebate program for zero-emission vehicle purchases upon the exhaustion of the MOR-EV program funds. Further directs distributors to submit proposals for 'opt-in time of use' rates for electric vehicle owners to DPU for approval; directs DOER and MassDOT to file a report on public electric vehicle charging station priorities with the Legislature; directs the RMV to provide distinctive plates at not additional cost for plug-in electric vehicles; requires the Board of Building Standards and Regulation to include requirements for electric vehicle charging stations in residential and appropriate commercial buildings.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2021-07-22 H - Hearing Scheduled 07/28/2021 10:00 AM - Public Hearing, Virtual Hearing

HB3174 (HD1698) - An Act relative to timely decisions by awarding authorities

Sponsor

Rep. Daniel Hunt (D)

Summary

Amends GL 30:39P relative to state agency contracts for construction and materials by shortening various deadlines related to approval of changed work orders from 30 days to 15 days.

Comment

Shortens 30-day deadline for A/E's decision on interpretations of the specifications, approval of equipment, material or any other approval, or progress of the work, to 15 days.

Tracking Lists

Architect, Architect, Architect, Architect, Architect, Architect, Chapter 30 and 30B bills, Chapter 30 and 30B bills, Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight carrying HB3176

HB654 (HD1767) - An Act to improve and enhance the advisory board to the Massachusetts School Building Authority

Sponsor

Rep. Kate Lipper-Garabedian (D)

Summary

Amends GL 70B:3A (school building advisory board) to include appointees of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational School Administrators, Inc. and the Alliance for Vocational Technical Coalition as board members.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB306

HB2449 (HD1798) - An Act relative to safe building materials

Sponsor

Rep. Daniel Donahue (D)

Summary

Adds new Section 26J to GL 148 (Fire Prevention) establishing the Light Frame Construction Code and regulating such construction.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, MAAB bills, Concrete bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

HB608 (HD1799) - An Act requiring carbon monoxide alarms in schools

Sponsor

Rep. Danielle W. Gregoire (D)

Summary

Amends GL 148:26F $\frac{1}{2}$ (Carbon Monoxide Alarms Required in Certain Residential Structures), requiring all buildings or structures of the Commonwealth that are utilized in any capacity as a school that have fossil fuel burning equipment on the premises or incorporate enclosed parking within their structures to be equipped with approved carbon monoxide alarms that comply with Board of Fire Prevention regulations.

Comment

05/20/21 - Committee hearing - This bill is a refile and has been previously given a favorable from the Education Committee. No one offered testimony.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2021-07-21 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB653

HB2154 (HD1819) - An Act to improve parking and pedestrian safety

Sponsor

Rep. Carolyn C. Dykema (D)

Summary

Requires that developments of commercial buildings, whether construction or rehabilitation, that exceed \$1 million in cost include safety improvements designed to prevent vehicles in angled or perpendicular on-street parking and off-street parking from driving onto sidewalks and walkways or coming into contact with the building; authorizes waivers in unique circumstances; establishes a 15-member commission on parking and public space safety improvements; articulates qualifications for membership; directs the commission to report to EOPS and the legislature by December 31, 2019; amends GL 90I (Complete Streets) to require projects to comply with the new parking guidelines to be eligible for funding; amends GL 175 (Insurance) to allow insurers to count such parking safety improvements as safety measures and offer commensurate discounts. (NOTE: This bill likely intends to amend GL 90I:3, not GL 90I:1, as that is where the referenced text appears. It is also likely that the bill intends to add new sections GL 143:101 and 101A, rather than GL 22:23 and 23A, as GL 143:101 does not exist in law but is mentioned several times in the bill. GL 22 and GL 143 both concern public safety inspections.)

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills, MAAB bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB1627 (SD1164) - An Act relative to enhanced fire protection in new one- and two-family dwellings

Sponsor

Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 26J to GL Chapter 148 and amends GL 148:27A to require, in municipalities that adopt this provision, installation of automatic sprinklers in newly constructed single and two-unit dwellings: provides an exemption from the prohibition against shutting off a sprinkler system without a permit, for seasonal shut-off of automatic sprinklers, as defined by and in accordance with regulations of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 148 bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

SB1594 (SD1182) - An Act relative to construction and rehabilitation of public safety facilities

Sponsor

Sen. Anne Gobi (D)

Summary

Enacts a new Chapter 22F in the General Laws entitled "Public Safety Assistance Board." The chapter establishes and regulates a five member Public Safety Assistance Board for the purpose of

administering the Public Safety Assistance Program through which the Board is to award and prioritize grants to cities and towns for capital construction projects, and to encourage and foster the establishment and building of joint public safety facilities in cities and towns. Capital construction projects are to be for the construction, enlargement or renovation of a municipal police station, fire station, or joint public safety facility. The bill also sets up on the books of the Commonwealth a new Public Safety Assistance Fund.

Tracking Lists

Public Safety Facilities

Last Action

2021-06-30 H - Hearing Scheduled 07/14/2021 10:00 AM - Public Hearing, Virtual Hearing

SB2244 (SD1226) - An Act to establish a Massachusetts Public Arts Program

Sponsor

Sen. Adam G. Hinds (D)

Summary

Adds new provisions to GL c.7C (Capital Asset Management and Maintenance) to establish a Massachusetts Percent for Art Program, to provide for the creation, acquisition, conservation and maintenance of public art. Also establishes and regulates a Public Art Commission which is to administer the program.

Tracking Lists

Architect, Architect, Creative Economy, Creative Economy

Last Action

2022-02-03 H - Extension order filed (until 06/01/2022)

HB3380 (HD1848) - An Act to establish a Massachusetts public arts program

Sponsor

Rep. Mary Keefe (D)

Summary

Adds new provisions to GL c.7C (Capital Asset Management and Maintenance) to establish a Massachusetts Percent for Art Program, to provide for the creation, acquisition, conservation and maintenance of public art. Also establishes and regulates a Public Art Commission which is to administer the program.

Tracking Lists

Architect, Architect, Creative Economy, Creative Economy

Last Action

2022-02-03 H - Extension order filed (until 06/01/2022)

HB1162 (HD1910) - An Act relative to transportation network company rider assessments

Sponsor

Rep. Michael J. Moran (D)

Summary

Amends provisions of SL 2017:187 (An Act Regulating Transportation Network Companies) and the General Law it enacted (GL c.159A½, Transportation Network Companies). The bill proposes a variety of changes, including that a transportation network company must provide clear and conspicuous transportation fare estimates to riders at all times, including during surge pricing; it establishes that a driver who is subject to 3 or more violations for cruising or certain other enumerated violations within a twelve-month period will be subject to a mandatory suspension of their permit for at least two years; it rewrites provisions of the Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund; establishes a per-mile assessment for each unoccupied vehicle mile traveled at 20¢ per mile (with zero emission vehicles being exempt from this assessment); it establishes certain new reporting requirements for transportation network companies; it establishes certain new rider assessments, such as when rides are shared; it makes certain technical and cross-reference changes; and it repeals the sunset for the Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-03 H - Extension order filed (until 06/30/2022)

HB3887 (HD1919) - An Act relative to a legislative review of renewable heating fuels

Sponsor

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

Summary

Directs the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to conduct a review to determine the opportunities for sustainable and cost-effective market deployment of renewable natural gas and low-carbon fuels to reduce emissions associated with the supply of natural gas for heating in the Commonwealth.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/02/2022)

HB576 (HD1939) - An Act relative to the safety of schools, residences, and public assemblies

Sponsor

Rep. Michelle DuBois (D)

Summary

Establishes the School Carbon Monoxide Safety Trust Fund, financed by any revenue from appropriations or any gifts, grants, private contributions, investment income earned on the assets of the fund and all other sources, including an initial \$7.5 million transfer from the Comptroller out of the General Fund. The Trust Fund is to be used for grants to public school districts for the installation of carbon monoxide detection systems. In addition, the bill requires the installation of carbon monoxide detection systems in a number of different venues, including restaurants, one and two family homes, apartment buildings, and primary and secondary schools.

Comment

05/20/21 - Committee hearing - This bill is a refile and has been previously given a favorable from the Education Committee. No one testified on this bill.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2021-07-21 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB653

HB2149 (HD1982) - An Act relative to solar assessments

Sponsor

Rep. Marjorie Decker (D)

Summary

Adds a new §9½ to GL c.40A (Zoning) to establish that development projects greater than 10,000 gross square feet (or containing 10 or more residential units) must include a solar energy system that is equivalent to a minimum of 50% of the roof area of all buildings; if a site includes an uncovered parking structure, the structure must also have a solar energy system installed to cover a minimum of 90% of its top level. A development project will not be required to install a solar energy system on the roof if there is no solar ready zone, or the solar-ready zone is shaded for more than 50% of daylight hours annually, or for building conversions with insufficient structural load capacity.

Tracking Lists

BBRS

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB893 (SD1337) - An Act relative to creating a statutory housing restriction and providing remedies related to statutory housing

Sponsor

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D)

Summary

Amends various sections of General Law to ensure that an affordable housing deed restriction is not affected or removed by any subsequent change to the status of the property, and that the restriction lasts in perpetuity if so established; ensures that affordable deed restrictions acquired through use of municipal funds are permanent; adds provisions for deed restrictions to survive a foreclosure process.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Housing

SB2034 (SD1339) - An Act relative to increasing transparency in public construction

Sponsor

Sen. Brendan Crighton (D)

Summary

Amends GL 81:8B (Statement of Qualifications of Persons Bidding on Work Awarded by Division of Highways or Department of Conservation and Recreation) to make applications for a certificate of eligibility and update statements public records, with the exception of financial information contained in said application.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 149 and 149A, Chapter 149 and 149A

Last Action

2022-01-24 S - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB3112

HB1988 (HD2048) - An Act clarifying the prevailing wage law

Sponsor

Rep. Danielle W. Gregoire (D)

Summary

Amends GL 149:27D to include the inspection, testing and repair of fire protection systems in public buildings and public works as categories of work that are subject to the prevailing wage law.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 149 and 149A

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development

HB687 (HD2073) - An Act relative to increased access to safe swimming

Sponsor

Rep. Orlando Ramos (D)

Summary

Requires the Massachusetts School Building Authority to amend the School Building Grant Program Regulations (963 CMR 2.0), to allow for reimbursement for the construction or renovation of a swimming pool at a school in a municipality with a population greater than 35,000 and less than 250,000, a median household income below the Commonwealth's average and a rate of educational attainment of a bachelors degree or above that is below the Commonwealth's average. (Please note that there are two problems with this bill: first, it should not attempt to amend regulations, but should simply prescribe law, the regulations for which would be amended in the ordinary course of business. Second, the bill is clearly targeting a particular town or set of towns without naming them, when it would be much more straight forward to simply name the towns.)

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B, Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB306

HB1482 (HD2084) - An Act relative to private construction contracts

Sponsor

Rep. Daniel Cahill (D)

Summary

Amends provisions on mortgages and the invalidity of subsequent liens to establish that a lien that is dissolved and re-filed or re-recorded as provided will not be deemed a dissolution of the lien. Additionally, the bill extends the time period for submission for each application for a periodic progress payment under construction contracts from 30 to 31 days.

Tracking Lists

Lien Bill

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB2419 (HD2107) - An Act removing barriers to work that discriminate against persons with disabilities, mobility impairments, and seniors

Sponsor

Rep. Christine Barber (D)

Summary

Amends GL 22:13A (Architectural access board); changes the phrase physically handicapped to persons with disabilities throughout; requires that two board members be licensed architects licensed and one be a licensed building inspector; strikes language limiting board's authority to dwellings

constructed after 3/13/1991 and gives board authority to oversee facilities and areas not generally in public use, as well as buildings; amends definition of public building to include places of public accommodation listed in section 92A of chapter 272 of the General Laws, and 42 U.S.C. section 12181(7).

Tracking Lists

MAAB bills

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/04/2022)

HB2420 (HD2116) - An Act relative to expanding the availability of adaptable housing for consumers with disabilities, mobility impairments, and seniors

Sponsor

Rep. Christine Barber (D)

Summary

Amends GL 22:13A (Architectural access board); directs board to promulgate additional regulations concerning disability accommodations required in units in certain lodging or residential facilities; changes the phrase "physically handicapped" to "persons with disabilities" throughout; amends language limiting board's authority to dwellings constructed after 3/13/1991 to include buildings constructed before that date that are undergoing gut rehabilitation.

Tracking Lists

MAAB bills

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/04/2022)

SB1162 (SD1369) - An Act clarifying the Prevailing Wage Law

Sponsor

Sen. Michael D. Brady (D)

Summary

Amends GL 149:27D to include the inspection, testing and repair of fire protection systems in public buildings and public works under the provisions of the prevailing wage law.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 149 and 149A, Chapter 149 and 149A

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development

HB3334 (HD2161) - An Act relative to home energy efficiency

Sponsor

Rep. Adrian Madaro (D)

Summary

Requires that a seller or agent acting on behalf of the seller complete an energy assessment through the Mass Save program (overseen by the Department of Energy Resources) prior to the time of listing a condo, a single-family residential dwelling or a multiple-family residential dwelling with fewer than 5 units for sale. However, no additional fees may be imposed or collected in connection with the home energy assessment. The seller or agent must disclose to a buyer or prospective buyer information obtained from the energy assessment of the dwelling at the time of listing or prior to the signing of a contract to purchase, whichever comes first. In addition, DER is to design and implement an energy rating and labeling system for use by sellers of residential dwellings to disclose the energy performance of that dwelling to potential buyers at the time of listing.

Tracking Lists

Energy, Energy

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/02/2022)

HB2537 (HD2237) - An Act relative to the Board of Building Regulations and Standards

Sponsor

Rep. David T. Vieira (R)

Summary

Amends GL 143:97 (Amendments to the State Building Code) to prohibit the state board of building regulations and standards from adopting an amendment to the state building code that permits a city or town to accept the amendment on a local option basis.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, BBRS, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB159 (SD1435) - An Act to promote livable communities and zoning reform act

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. In particular, 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.

Tracking Lists

Zoning Reform, Zoning Reform

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Accompanied study order

HB2201 (HD2338) - An Act relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal

Sponsor

Rep. Daniel Ryan (D)

Summary

Expands the Boston Zoning Board of Appeal by two members, adding nominees from MAPC and the Conservation Law Foundation; makes the nominees of the Boston Society of Architects direct nominees, rather than selected from a list; requires the mayor's at large nominee to have expertise in zoning and law; requires the nominees of neighborhood organizations to consist of one homeowner and one renter; limits the terms that may be served to two, allowing existing members to serve one additional term. Extends the limitation on deciding matters in which a member had ownership or employment interests from the past 2 years to 5 years; specifies that standards of review for the board be promulgated under the zoning code; directs that the board be supported by staff members of the city of Boston under the Building Commissioner; makes a number of technical changes allowing electronic notices and filing.

Comment

This is a local Boston zoning bill. It replaces an existing section with a new section. The original section included the BSA. The replacement section also includes the BSA

Tracking Lists

Architect

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB1239 (SD1472) - An Act relative to continuation of health insurance in the case of plant closings

Sponsor

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

Summary

Amends GL 149:150C relative to the improper expenditure of withholdings or deductions from wages by adding provisions that establish that no employer may exempt themselves from the requirements relative to withholdings or deductions from wages through a special contract with an employee. In addition, the bill clarifies that the prohibition on deducting for health insurance but not purchasing such insurance extends to the purchase of other forms of health insurance, including a contract for hospital and medical services, dental services, optometric services or for services under a health maintenance contract.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 149 and 149A

Last Action

2022-02-24 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SB1563 (SD1506) - An Act relative to firearms and firearms violence

Sponsor

Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem (D)

Summary

Amends various provisions related to improving firearm safety in the commonwealth; establishes a new GL 29:2FFF, creating the Firearms Violence Prevention Trust Fund; requires use of the fund to support annual municipal grant programs which support municipal violence prevention programs; prioritizes programs that provide for school resource officers, address youth exposure to violence, and training of police in handling incidents involving persons suffering from mental illness. Amends GL 64H:2 (sales tax) and 64I:2 (storage, use and consumption tax) by imposing an additional 4.75% surcharge on ammunition and firearms to help fund the Trust Fund. Establishes a new GL Chapter 140:123A, banning the sale, purchase, lease, rental, lease, and possession of a .50 BMG rifle or cartridge; imposes a fine up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 10 years for violating the ban; repeals language requiring the validation of the identity of individuals through an online electronic portal; instead requires validation at a seller's physical location through use of a electronic verification link established by the commissioner of the department of criminal justice information services; authorizes the seller to impose a \$25 fee for such validation; increases penalties imposed for possession of firearms with expired FID cards.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB3124 (HD2423) - An Act establishing gender neutral bathrooms

Sponsor

Rep. Mindy Domb (D)

Summary

Amends GL 142 (Supervision of Plumbing) to require the board of state examiners of plumbers and pipe fitters to promulgate regulations to allow gender neutral bathrooms to be designed and installed

in any use group defined by the 780 CMR Massachusetts state building code, regardless of whether the work being performed is new construction or repair, renovation or alteration work.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 142 bills - Plumbing

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

HB262 (HD2471) - An Act providing for diaper changing stations in public buildings and accommodations

Sponsor

Rep. Steven Owens (D)

Summary

Requires public buildings to include at least one diaper changing station; regulates signage and application of the requirement.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-14 H - Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

SB143 (SD1555) - An Act providing for diaper changing stations in public buildings and accommodations

Sponsor

Sen. Rebecca Rausch (D)

Summary

Requires public buildings to include at least one diaper changing station; regulates signage and application of the requirement.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-01-31 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SB873 (SD1567) - An Act relative to attainable housing in seasonal communities

Sponsor

Sen. Julian A. Cyr (D)

Summary

Submits a framework with differing recommendations for the support and development of affordable housing in seasonal communities; directs the department of housing and community development to classify the listed and otherwise non-compliant projects in a municipality's overall percentage of subsidized housing inventory, including 1 bedroom units that demonstrate a need, projects in municipalities with average home prices in excess of 100 percent of the state median price, covenant housing in Nantucket, and developments in low-income units bordering municipalities that invest in community preservation act funds or housing trust funds. Allows use of community preservation fund monies allocated for a certain use, and which remain unused after 3 years, for open space, historic resources, or community housing after a majority vote. Requires municipalities that allow accessory dwelling units under its zoning laws, to permit tiny houses as a detached accessory dwelling unit; allows municipalities to exempt dwelling units rented on a yearly basis for amounts up to 150 percent less than the fair market rent from real estate taxes; regulates calculation of the exemption amount. Prohibits any zoning ordinance or by-law from banning or requiring a special permit for the use of land or structures for an accessory dwelling unit or the rental thereof in a single-family residential zoning district on a lot with 5,000 square feet or more or on a lot of sufficient area to meet the requirements of Title 5 of the State Environmental Code that is occupied by the owner; allows limiting the number of accessory dwellings to 5% of the total non-seasonal single-family housing units in the municipality. Grants the department of housing and community development the right of first refusal on the sale of properties with three units or less taken for nonpayment of real estate taxes; allows cities and towns to establish bifurcated or progressing real estate tax rates, and to establish a real estate tax exemption for low and moderate income households; establishes a special commission to investigate the impact of the state building, fire, health, and sanitary codes on the availability of affordable housing. Allows cities and towns to impose a fee up to 2 percent of the purchase price on the transfer of any real property, payable by the purchaser; regulates collection of the fee at the time of transfer, and recording of proof of payment with the deed; exempts the listed transfers from the fee, including transfers resulting from division of marital assets, transfers without actual consideration, transfers resulting from foreclosure and transfers to government or non-profits; requires the deposit of the funds in a municipality's affordable housing trust fund, for use in the creation and preservation of affordable housing; imposes penalties for attempts to evade the fee; limits the fee to 5 year terms, with the opportunity to renew upon municipal majority vote.

Tracking Lists

Zoning Reform

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Housing

HB1505 (HD2504) - An Act relative to penalties for unlicensed work

Sponsor

Rep. Mark J. Cusack (D)

Summary

Amends various GLs to significantly increase fines for: (1) practicing a trade or profession without the requisite license, certificate, registration or authority, (2) practicing a trade or profession with an expired, suspended, revoked or canceled license, certificate, registration or authority, (3) the unlawful practice of a profession or occupation requiring licensure by a corporation and (4) installing electrical wiring or electrical fixtures for hire without notifying a wiring inspector.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 112 bill

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB3128 (HD2638) - An Act relative to privatization contracts

Sponsor

Rep. Daniel Donahue (D)

Summary

Amends provisions of GL 7:53 relative to the 'Pacheco' privatization contracts by taking out of the definition of privatization contracts the existing exemption for planning, engineering or design services. In effect, planning, engineering or design services would be subject to the 'Pacheco law.'

Tracking Lists

AK - Bills of Interest to AIA National, AK - Bills of Interest to AIA National

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB2216 (SD1676) - An Act relative to net metering

Sponsor

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

Summary

Amends 164:139 (Net Metering Facilities) to exempt solar net metering facilities from the aggregate net metering cap; further provides that the maximum amount of generating capacity eligible for net metering by a municipality or other governmental entity shall be 10 megawatts.

Tracking Lists

Energy, Energy

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB548 (SD1688) - An Act Relative to Crumbling Concrete Foundations

Sponsor

Sen. Anne Gobi (D)

Summary

Establishes a new GL 21B:16 requiring entities seeking a permit to mine or expand a quarry to test the proposed area for the presence of pyrite or pyrrhotite; requires submission of a geological source report, and approval of the report by the executive office of energy and environmental affairs in

consultation with the state geologist; exempts active quarries with satisfactory performance histories from submission of core samples; requires active quarries to prepare updated operations plans every four years. Regulates aggregate testing included in reports; requires the testing to measure total sulfur content and to identify the existence of pyrrhotite; authorizes approval of samples with less than .1 percent total sulfur for 4 years; bans the use of samples with 1 percent or more sulfur in concrete production; regulates additional testing for samples between .1 percent and 1 percent sulfur. Establishes and regulates eligibility for residential property tax abatements for properties located within a 50-mile radius of in Stafford Springs, Connecticut related to the presence of pyrite or pyrrhotite minerals in the foundation; waives fees for building permits for work associated with crumbling concrete foundations replacement; allows captive insurance companies to operate in the commonwealth to assist residential homeowners with crumbling foundations; requires property owners selling or leasing residential properties to provide buyers with the listed information about concrete foundations, including about any known repairs.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-03-01 H - Extension order filed (until 03/31/2022)

HB2230 (HD2696) - An Act to improve outdoor and indoor air quality for communities burdened by transportation pollution

Sponsor

Rep. Christine Barber (D)

Summary

Submits definitions under GL 111 (Public Health) related to air pollution, air particulate matter and filtration; directs the department of environmental protection, in consultation with the executive office of energy and environmental affairs and department of environmental health, to convene a technical advisory committee to identify the likely air pollution hotspots due to high concentrations of traffic-related air pollution that should be equipped with new or expanded air monitors; directs the committee to establish a definition of “air quality” and “air quality target pollutants” that includes, but is not limited to, consideration of criteria pollutants, black carbon, and ultrafine particulate matter; requires the committee to convene by December 1, 2021; regulates the membership of the committee; requires the department to install and operate at least 8 air monitors in identified hot spots by June 30, 2022, and establish baseline data by December 31, 2022; further requires the department to establish targets to decrease air quality target pollutants between 2023 and 2025. Directs local boards of health to mandate the installation of air filtration in defined buildings located within 200 meters of a class 1, class 2 or class 3 roadway, marine terminal, airport, or a train station or train yard serving diesel locomotives, including residential public housing, residential private multifamily housing, existing K-12, charter or college or university buildings, commercial buildings with 5 or more employees and existing correctional facilities; regulates the air filtration standards for such buildings; additionally requires air quality assessments and filter installation for issuance of licenses for school age day care programs, day care centers, group care facilities, hospitals, schools, residential developments, or convalescent or nursing homes. Additionally directs the department of public health to department shall amend the state sanitary code to require mold remediation in residential buildings and school buildings with one or more classrooms for the purpose of eliminating moisture and airborne mold spores that have the potential to contribute to public health impacts and develop minimum standards of health for human habitation that require an environment free of mold; additionally requires the board of building regulations and standards to adopt minimum air filtration standards and ban the use of gas stoves in residential construction.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-02-17 H - Extension order filed (until 12/31/2022)

HB635 (HD2864) - An Act to improve and enhance the advisory board to the Massachusetts School Building Authority**Sponsor**

Rep. Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)

Summary

Amends GL 70B:3A (School Building Authority Advisory Board) to increase its membership from 17 to 19; adds representatives of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc. and the Alliance for Vocational Technical Education Coalition as members of said Board.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB306

HB1999 (HD2901) - An Act relative to the definition of an independent contractor**Sponsor**

Rep. Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)

Summary

Amends GL 149:148B, governing the definition of an employee, to alter the criteria by which an individual may be considered an independent contractor. At present, the law sets forth three criteria that must be met: free from control and direction, outside the usual course of business, and done customarily independent of the employer. The change would allow the classing of independent contractors who satisfy the first and second or those who satisfy the third.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 149 and 149A

Last Action

2022-02-03 H - Accompanied study order

HB2001 (HD2904) - An Act relative to independent contractors**Sponsor**

Rep. Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)

Summary

Amends GL 149:148B, governing the definition of an employee, to alter the criteria by which an individual may be considered an independent contractor. At present, the law sets forth three criteria that must be met: free from control and direction, outside the usual course of business, and done customarily independent of the employer. The change would allow the classing of independent contractors who satisfy the first and second or those who satisfy the third.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 149 and 149A, Chapter 149 and 149A

Last Action

2022-02-03 H - Accompanied study order

HB3125 (HD2933) - An Act relative to state buildings codes and temporary shelters

Sponsor

Rep. Mindy Domb (D)

Summary

Amends GL 143 (Inspection and Licensing of Buildings) to require that a church or place of worship that is serving as a religious sanctuary by providing temporary, overnight shelter for persons in need with the expectation that said person or persons will return to or seek alternative shelter once it is safe and possible to do so, be considered a temporary overnight shelter under the state building code for such purposes for as long as the church or place of worship meets the life safety requirements of said code, except for sprinkling; defines the term temporary; directs the board of building regulation and standards to, upon application, grant a certificate of occupancy as a temporary overnight shelter pursuant to this section to a church or place of worship that meets said requirements; provides that said church or place of worship shall be subject to local health, safety and fire inspections to insure compliance with said code.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 04/15/2022)

SB1447 (SD1742) - An Act to improve outdoor and indoor air quality for communities burdened by transportation pollution

Sponsor

Sen. Patricia D. Jehlen (D)

Summary

Submits definitions under GL 111 (Public Health) related to air pollution, air particulate matter and filtration; directs the department of environmental protection, in consultation with the executive office of energy and environmental affairs and department of environmental health, to convene a technical advisory committee to identify the likely air pollution hotspots due to high concentrations of traffic-related air pollution that should be equipped with new or expanded air monitors; directs the committee

to establish a definition of “air quality” and “air quality target pollutants” that includes, but is not limited to, consideration of criteria pollutants, black carbon, and ultrafine particulate matter; requires the committee to convene by December 1, 2021; regulates the membership of the committee; requires the department to install and operate at least 8 air monitors in identified hot spots by June 30, 2022, and establish baseline data by December 31, 2022; further requires the department to establish targets to decrease air quality target pollutants between 2023 and 2025. Directs local boards of health to mandate the installation of air filtration in defined buildings located within 200 meters of a class 1, class 2 or class 3 roadway, marine terminal, airport, or a train station or train yard serving diesel locomotives, including residential public housing, residential private multifamily housing, existing K-12, charter or college or university buildings, commercial buildings with 5 or more employees and existing correctional facilities; regulates the air filtration standards for such buildings; additionally requires air quality assessments and filter installation for issuance of licenses for school age day care programs, day care centers, group care facilities, hospitals, schools, residential developments, or convalescent or nursing homes. Additionally directs the department of public health to department shall amend the state sanitary code to require mold remediation in residential buildings and school buildings with one or more classrooms for the purpose of eliminating moisture and airborne mold spores that have the potential to contribute to public health impacts and develop minimum standards of health for human habitation that require an environment free of mold; additionally requires the board of building regulations and standards to adopt minimum air filtration standards and ban the use of gas stoves in residential construction.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-02-17 S - Extension order filed (until 12/31/2022)

SB395 (SD1743) - An Act relative to school districts in receivership and the Massachusetts School Building Authority

Sponsor

Sen. John Velis (D)

Summary

Amends GL 70B:10 (School Building Assistance Authority) to provide that school districts in receivership qualify for incentive percentage points above 80 per cent of eligible costs.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 S - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB306

SB218 (SD1752) - An Act relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design

Sponsor

Sen. Joan B. Lovely (D)

Summary

Establishes a new GL 112:265 creating licensure for commercial interior designers, requiring the licensure for any commercial interior design work that would require a permit; delimits work that would and would not fall under the licensure; requires each licensee to pass an exam set by the National Council for Interior Design Certification; establishes a continuing education requirement; prohibits the usage of the term 'registered' in conjunction with terms like 'commercial interior designer' except by licensees; directs the board of registration of commercial interior designers to approve a seal for use by licensees on plans and specifications; creates the designation 'commercial interior designer emeritus' for those licensee who retire after ten years of practice, allowing for expedited re-licensure but prohibiting practice in while so designated; amends GL 13 to establish a board of registration of commercial interior designers, specifying membership qualification, required meetings, and procedure.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 7c bills, Interior Design

Last Action

2021-11-08 S - New draft substituted - see SB2570View comparison to substituted version

HB2497 (HD2966) - An Act relative to elevator inspection fee waiver for non-profits

Sponsor

Rep. Paul W. Mark (D)

Summary

Amends GL 143:64 to authorize a waiver for non-profit or charitable organizations from the annual state elevator inspection fee.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 143 - Elevators

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/04/2022)

SB1629 (SD1782) - An Act building a more accessible Massachusetts

Sponsor

Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)

Summary

Amends GL 22:13A to require that 2 of the 6 appointed members of the Architectural Access Board be architects and that 3 members be appointed after consultation with disability advocacy groups; and requires that the Board adopt rules and regulations designed to ensure that buildings (and equipment, roads, walkways and parking lots where such buildings are located) which are constructed by, on behalf of, or for the use of the public be designed and constructed or, if pre-existing, be altered so as to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities (with limited exceptions) consistent with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design.

Tracking Lists

MAAB bills, MAAB bills

Last Action

2022-01-20 H - Hearing Scheduled 01/26/2022 11:00 AM - Public Hearing, Virtual Hearing

SB279 (SD1791) - An Act to encourage the development and operation of Public-Private Partnerships for Social Infrastructure

Sponsor

Sen. Bruce E. Tarr (R)

Summary

Establishes the Office of Public Facility Investment to assist cities and towns with identifying projects for which a public-private partnership may be appropriate, to provide technical assistance, including analyzing qualifying projects and the benefits, revenues, and costs and the innovative financing options available to support them, and to attract private investment in public facilities, infrastructure, and qualifying projects; specifies procurement process project delivery methods; imposes reporting requirements.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Accompanied study order

SB2025 (SD1816) - An Act encouraging public/private partnerships to create affordable housing at public sites

Sponsor

Sen. Nicholas P. Collins (D)

Summary

Allows municipalities to convey property to a private developer or other entity for the purpose of constructing a mixed-use development that includes housing and a municipal facility; requires that at least 40 percent of the housing units be affordable housing households with a maximum income of no more than 80 percent of Area Median Income; provides that construction of the development is subject to the prevailing wage law.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB2014 (SD1830) - An Act sparking the modernization of state heating systems

Sponsor

Sen. Harriette L. Chandler (D)

Summary

Directs the department of energy resources to develop and adopt a municipal opt-in specialized stretch energy code as an appendix to the state building code; requires the stretch energy code to include a definition of net-zero building; requires federal, state, county, municipal and quasi-governmental projects related to the planning, construction, repair or maintenance of structures to use such code; additionally requires the department to develop and incorporate standards calling for the replacement of appliances or equipment that consume gas or oil with ones powered by electricity.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-22 S - New draft substituted - see SB2708View comparison to substituted version

HB3243 (HD3043) - An Act sparking the modernization of state heating systems

Sponsor

Rep. Tommy Vitolo (D)

Summary

Directs the department of energy resources to develop and adopt a municipal opt-in specialized stretch energy code as an appendix to the state building code; requires the stretch energy code to include a definition of net-zero building; requires federal, state, county, municipal and quasi-governmental projects related to the planning, construction, repair or maintenance of structures to use such code; additionally requires the department to develop and incorporate standards calling for the replacement of appliances or equipment that consume gas or oil with ones powered by electricity.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-07-08 H - Hearing Scheduled 07/20/2021 10:30 AM - Public Hearing, Virtual Hearing

HB980 (HD3073) - An Act promoting sustainable development and infrastructure, economic security, and fiscal responsibility with respect to climate risks

Sponsor

Rep. Sarah K. Peake (D)

Summary

Establishes a new GL 21P, regarding climate risk and fiscal responsibility across various components of the economy of the commonwealth; directs the secretary of the executive office and energy and environmental affairs to require that every permit or project requiring environmental impact reviews to

include information regarding climate risks posed by the application; requires applicants to identify the assumptions, analysis, modeling or projections leading to disclosures as well as possible adaptations to address such climate risks. Instructs the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to consult with the executive office of public safety and security and other affected state agencies and departments, to develop a climate projections dataset to enable uniform review of climate risks; additionally requires such departments to develop climate resilient design standards for public and private construction, development, redevelopment, and new or expanded capital infrastructure projects. Requires applications for state grants, loans, or other funding or financing for capital infrastructure projects, and requests for proposals for state capital projects, to include adaptation measures for climate risks that may occur over the life of the project; details exemptions from such requirements. Additionally directs the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to develop recommendations for integrating best available climate science into the state code including but not limited to commercial and residential base building codes, mechanical codes, electrical codes, and plumbing codes; requires the state board of building regulations and standards to incorporate standards pertaining to climate resilience and public health, and create an appendix to the state building code creating a municipal opt-in climate resilience stretch code; authorizes and regulates the ability of municipalities to request use of alternative floodplain maps. Directs the department of public utilities to develop climate adaptation standards for all investor-owned electric, natural gas, steam distribution, and water companies; instructs DPU to require such companies to prepare and file a climate vulnerability and adaptation plan at least once every five years; details components of such plans; requires DPU to include climate risks and climate adaptation plans in its ratemaking proceedings. Requires the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to establish, conduct, and maintain an annual program of education and training for members of local planning boards, zoning boards, and commissions on climate science and the physical effects of climate change.

Tracking Lists

Climate Adaptation Standards

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB501

SB1607 (SD1882) - An Act relative to window guards in residential rental properties

Sponsor

Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)

Summary

Adds new provisions to GL c.143 relative to elevator and building inspections requiring the installation of window guards in residential rental properties. In particular, the requirements apply to any multiple-dwelling building in which any child age 10 years or younger resides, in which buildings window guards must be installed. Window guards must be installed in the rental units and in common areas, and tenants must be provided with notices relative to their rights to window guard installation. Civil fines of up to a \$5,000 for a violation not remedied within 10 business days may be levied by the Department of Public Safety on landlords.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

SB2035 (SD1890) - An Act providing for access to baby-changing stations

Sponsor

Sen. Brendan Crighton (D)

Summary

Adds new Section 90A to GL 143 (Inspection and Regulation of, and Licenses for, Buildings, Elevators and Cinematographs) to require all new or substantially renovated buildings which are reasonably expected to be open to the public to provide safe and equally accessible changing tables in bathrooms, regardless of gender.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-01-24 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

HB3374 (HD3177) - An Act relative to procurement services for artists

Sponsor

Rep. David Biele (D)

Summary

Amends GL Chapter 30B (Uniform Procurement Act) to exempt contracts or agreements to repair, purchase or commission artistic services, works of art, public art and/or artifacts of a unique or intrinsic character from the public procurement laws; defines artistic services.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills, Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB1501 (HD3237) - An Act relative to construction defect claims by condominium owners

Sponsor

Rep. Claire Cronin (D)

Summary

Amends GL 260:2B, the statute governing tort actions arising from improvements to real property, by requiring that the statute of limitations for construction defect claims against a condominium developer commence within three years after the accrual of a right of action, unless the condominium developer remains in control of the organization of unit owners during that time; provides for the commencement

of the running of the statute of limitations after the declarant control termination date if the developer remains in control; defines the declarant control date as the later of the seating of a managing board comprised mostly of owners other than the declarant, or when the declarant owns less than 25% of the beneficial interest of the condominium.

Tracking Lists

Business/Practice, Business/Practice, Business/Practice, Business/Practice, Business/Practice, Business/Practice, Business/Practice, Business/Practice, Business/Practice

Last Action

2022-02-23 H - Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling

SB1253 (SD1986) - An Act providing a safe harbor for contractors of services

Sponsor

Sen. Bruce E. Tarr (R)

Summary

Amends GL 149:148B, governing independent contractors, to tighten the rules around when a person is classified as an independent contractor. In particular, the bill authorizes the classification of persons as independent contractors if they consent to that classification and in addition if (1) their compensation exceeds \$30 per hour, or \$1,200 per week, or \$5,160 per month, or (2) the work involves the provision of services requiring professional certification or licensure, or the work involves conducting business in a franchise relationship subject to the rules and regulations of the Federal Trade Commissioner (3) the work consistently requires the exercise of discretion and independent judgment with respect to matters of significance, advanced knowledge in a field of science or learning, or invention, imagination, intellect, creativity, originality, or talent in a recognized field or artistic or creative endeavor, or (4) the work grants the individual either ownership of or copyright to the work product.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 149 and 149A, Chapter 149 and 149A

Last Action

2022-02-03 H - Accompanied study order

HB3406 (HD3291) - An Act relating to unpaid fines for illegal construction work

Sponsor

Rep. Donald Berthiaume Jr. (R)

Summary

Amends GL 90:22 (Motor vehicle licenses) to direct the registrar to revoke the license of a person who has failed to pay a fine or civil administrative penalty issued for a violation of the regulations of the state building code governing licensing of construction supervisors under section 94 of chapter 143.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB607 (SD2029) - An Act relative to stronger emissions limits

Sponsor

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

Summary

Amends GL 21N:3 (Adoption of Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Limits) by requiring 2030 and 2040 greenhouse emissions limits to maximize the ability to reach 2045 greenhouse gas emissions limits; requires the 2030 limit to be at least 50 percent below the 1990 limit, and the 2040 limit to be at least 75 percent below the 1990 limit; establishes a 2045 greenhouse gas emissions limit of net zero emission levels.

Tracking Lists

Energy, Energy, Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-10 S - Concurred in committee referral

SB2224 (SD2044) - An Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Sponsor

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

Summary

Makes various changes to GL 21N (Climate Protection and Green Economy Act) which expand the activities subject to greenhouse gas limits; classifies direct emissions as those from any person, entity or facility, including residential, commercial, industrial or institutional buildings and from transportation vehicles; defines a greenhouse gas emitting priority as any fuel or matter capable of emitting greenhouse gasses when burned; defines market based compliance mechanisms as any pricing system intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Directs the department of environmental protection to monitor and regulate greenhouse emitting priorities, in addition to direct and indirect emission of greenhouse gasses; requires 2030 and 2040 greenhouse emissions limits to maximize the ability of reaching 2050 greenhouse gas emissions limits; requires the 2030 limit to be at least 50 percent below the 1990 limit, and the 2040 limit to be at least 75 percent below the 1990 limit; makes technical changes that reflect an adjustment from a non-specific interim limit to the specific percentages stated; directs the secretary of energy and environmental affairs to develop a plan to achieve the 2030, 2040 and 2050 emissions limits, and to update the 2050 plan at least once every 30 months; lists criteria for the 2050 plan, including all sources of greenhouse gasses, availability of market based compliance mechanisms, and any analyses assessing proposed and planned actions, methods, regulations and programs; changes the 2050 greenhouse emissions limit from 80% of the 1990 level to a minimum net zero emission level. Directs the secretary of DEP to establish regulations establishing market-based compliance mechanisms the transportation sector, aimed at reducing signed to passenger vehicle and light duty truck emissions, the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors, including buildings and industrial, manufacturing and other business processes and the residential building sector; requires the secretary of DEP to publish a comprehensive energy

plan by September 30, 2023, and every five years after; repeals the expiration of regulations relating to greenhouse emissions limits on December 31, 2020; requires adoption of the 2030 and 2040 statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit by January 1, 2021 and the 2050 statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit by December 31, 2021.

Tracking Lists

Energy, Energy

Last Action

2021-12-09 H - Hearing Scheduled 12/14/2021 1:30 PM - Public Hearing, Virtual Hearing

SB2225 (SD2057) - An Act to prevent the worst effects of our climate emergency by providing policy pathways to achieve net zero emissions

Sponsor

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

Summary

Establishes a comprehensive set of climate reforms with the goal of achieving net zero emissions and mitigating the effects of climate change — establishes net-neutral greenhouse gas emissions standards by 2050, with 5 year incrementally stringent standards; imposes a market-based compliance mechanism on the transportation, commercial, industrial, and residential building sectors; requires DPU to use its regulatory powers to help the Commonwealth meet its emissions targets; provides for the development of a municipal opt-in specialized energy stretch code which includes a “net-zero building” definition; imposes emissions limits on municipal lighting plants; enhances energy and water efficiency standards for a variety of consumer goods and appliances; supports solar adoption by non-profits and disadvantaged communities; sets out environmental justice principles and establishes an Environmental Justice Council; sets out more stringent gas infrastructure safety requirements with increased penalties for violations; establishes a rebate program to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles, and requires state agencies and the MBTA to transition to using zero emissions vehicles and busses; creates a Climate Policy Commission responsible for overseeing the Commonwealth’s response to climate change.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB112 (HD3381) - An Act hard-wiring state offices and investing in hard-wired communications

Sponsor

Rep. Patricia Duffy (D)

Summary

Submits legislation, by request, that amends the operation of the Massachusetts broadband institute; requires the MBI to improve the safety, privacy, and security of broadband and telecommunications,

while supporting reasonable, affordable, reliable access; prohibits board members from being employed by communications industries or accepting gifts or speaking engagements from communications or information technology companies; directs the MBI to withdraw from wireless infrastructure and relevant wireless contracts, identify infrastructure, including software, connectors, analog, and other equipment, which best limits non-ionizing radiation emissions, invest and develop infrastructure which best limits non-ionizing radiation emissions, and examine copper landline service for suitability with respect to minimizing non-ionizing radiation emissions as well as other MBI objectives; additionally requires an examination of issues related to infrastructure security and vulnerabilities, privacy, hacking and other security risks; directs the MBI to encourage municipal or state ownership of communications infrastructure and discourage monopoly control by private providers; additionally directs the MBI to facilitate access for open access and access by low-income households; regulates the construction and financing of broadband infrastructure. Requires the listed public entities, including libraries, the executive office of information technology and security, state agencies, and public schools to reduce non-ionizing radiation exposure, including from use of wireless communications and electronic technology, by hard-wiring connections, segregating areas of exposure, careful product purchase, and other means to reduce non-ionizing emissions from technologies; prohibits construction of wireless facilities within 1,000 feet of playgrounds for small cell networks and 3,000 feet for aggregated antennas on cell towers; amends common carrier reporting requirements.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB3366 (HD3385) - An Act known as the Better Buildings Act

Sponsor

Rep. Maria Robinson (D)

Summary

Establishes a framework for use of energy use benchmarking to determine the energy use and greenhouse gas emissions of large buildings; directs the department of energy resources to create, procure, or designate an energy use benchmarking tool and provide technical support and assistance on its use by building owners; allows the department to establish subcategories of buildings with different reporting requirements; requires building owners to use the tool and report findings by May 1 of each year beginning in 2022; requires tenants with individually metered spaces to report the information to the building owner; requires the department to public collected information on a building by building basis. Additionally requires the department to establish energy performance standards for each building type by use, size and ownership; requires the standards to maximize the opportunity to meet greenhouse emissions standards required under climate protection and green economy act; emissions standards required under climate protection and green economy act; establishes procedures for owners of buildings with an energy performance rating or assessment score lower than the energy performance standard; allows municipalities to establish and enforce energy use benchmarking programs or energy performance standards for buildings, in place of those created by the department; regulates components of such programs. Allows owners of large buildings to pay an alternative compliance payment if their buildings fail to satisfy one of the compliance pathways; directs the department to establish payment amounts according to assessed per metric ton of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions; imposes fines for failure of owners of large buildings to submit mandatory reports related to energy use benchmarking; requires deposit of alternative payments and fines to a separate fund used to pay to administer the energy use benchmarking program, as well as to further program goals.

Tracking Lists

Energy

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/02/2022)

HB2510 (HD3412) - An Act relative to fire protection systems for buildings and structures

Sponsor

Rep. Ted Philips (D)

Summary

Amends GL Chapter 6, Chapter 143 and Chapter 148 in several sections to rename the automatic sprinkler appeals board the fire protection and life safety systems board; provides that the provisions of the fire safety code apply to all buildings and structures in the Commonwealth, except the State House; exempts buildings for which a building permit was issued before January 1, 2012 from the provisions of this Act; adds new definitions of 'Fire Protection and Life Safety Systems' and 'Fire Safety Code' to the statute; transfers regulation and inspection of fire safety code matters from the Board of State Building Regulations to the Fire Protection and Life Safety Systems Board.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 148 bills, Chapter 148 bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB684 (HD3417) - An Act relative to the consideration of ergonomically designed school buildings

Sponsor

Rep. Ted Philips (D)

Summary

Amends GL Chapter 70B, the statute governing the School Building Assistance Authority, to add the definition of 'ergonomics' to the statute and to require the Authority to consider the feasibility of integrating ergonomic models appropriate for classrooms and laboratories within its projects.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB306

SB2232 (SD2114) - An Act relative to better buildings

Sponsor

Sen. Rebecca Rausch (D)

Summary

Establishes a new GL 25A:17, requiring owners of buildings with at least 15,000 square feet of gross floor area to submit an annual report on the building's energy use, as well as other building characteristics necessary to evaluate absolute and relative energy use intensity; allows owners to authorize submission of the information by energy utilities or other third parties; mandates and regulates the submission of information for portions of a building that are tenant occupied and separately metered; requires the owner to provide the information, regardless of a tenant's cooperation with a request for data; requires the department of energy resources to publish building specific information on a website established for such purpose; imposes a fine for failure to submit the information by the due date; exempts tenants from payment of the fine. Additionally directs the department of energy resources to establish property types and building energy performance standards for each; requires the standards to assist in reaching greenhouse gas emissions standards, as well as global warming, pollution reduction, energy efficiency, and renewable energy policies; instructs the department to develop additional campus-wide energy performance standards for post-secondary educational institutions and hospitals with multiple buildings in a single location; imposes a five year timeframe for non-compliant buildings to meet the standards; allows exemptions for owners who can demonstrate financial distress, change of ownership, vacancy, major renovation, pending demolition, or other acceptable circumstances; imposes a fine of at least \$10,000 for each violation or twice the cost of compliance improvements for failure to comply with building energy performance requirements after 5 years.

Tracking Lists

Energy

Last Action

2022-01-13 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

HB3850 (HD3444) - An Act establishing a pathway to net zero buildings

Sponsor

Rep. Tami Gouveia (D)

Summary

Amends GL 25A:6 to tighten the definition of net-zero buildings contained in the municipal opt-in stretch energy code to be developed by the Division of Energy Resources; applies the definition to residential and commercial new construction and major renovation, requires buildings to be highly energy efficient with remaining energy needs supplied by renewable sources, prohibits combustion of fossil fuels for heating or other applications, and requires EV-ready wiring and solar roofs; requires the Division to update the definition and exemptions every 3 years. Amends sections 94 and 95 of GL Chapter 143 to require the State Board of Building Regulations to report on the status of approval of the latest International Energy Conservation Code into the commonwealth's base building energy code if approval doesn't happen within one year; expands the powers and duties of the Board to include climate change mitigation and resilience and public health. Directs the Division of Energy Resources to file a report with the legislature evaluating the feasibility of taller mass timber buildings, a reduction of embodied carbon, carbon storage in building materials, low-carbon modular building systems, smart grid technology, and healthy non-toxic building materials. Provides for the Division of Energy Resources to incorporate the municipal opt-in specialized stretch energy code into the stretch energy code no later than January 1, 2025; provides for the State Board of Building

Regulations to incorporate the the provisions of the stretch energy code into the base energy provisions of the state building code no later than January 1, 2028.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB3298 (HD3472) - An Act relative to the future of heat in the Commonwealth

Sponsor

Rep. Lori Ehrlich (D)

Summary

Amends GL 23J:3 to authorize the Clean Energy Center to issue bonds for the transition from gas infrastructure; establishes a gas transition trust fund for the purchase of non-gas appliances, connection of households to non-gas thermal infrastructure, and retraining of gas pipeline workers; requires gas distribution companies include in their annual service quality report the amount of funds allocated to enumerated environmental, equity, and political concerns; prohibits the approval of rate plans that include fees to natural gas trade associations or promotion of natural gas; expands the requirements of the natural gas replacement plans filed by gas companies, to include considerations of alternatives to natural gas infrastructure; authorizes the use of bonds issued by the Mass. Development Finance Agency, secured by ratepayer payments, for the financing of non-emitting renewable thermal infrastructure; requires DPU approval of the use of such gas transition bonds and sets conditions for approval; directs DPU to report on the use of such bonds to the legislature three years after enactment and on whether the bond program should be expanded.

Tracking Lists

Energy

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/02/2022)

HB1777 (HD3516) - An Act relative to notice of contract, dissolution of lien

Sponsor

Rep. Christopher M. Markey (D)

Summary

Amends provisions of GL 254:8 relative to liens on building and lands, and the dissolution of lien upon failure to file, by adding new provisions that with respect to any building with one to four units, the lien will dissolve after five years provided that the homeowner has filed an affidavit with the registry of deeds in the county or district where the land lies stating that the homeowner is unaware of any outstanding debt to any contractor or subcontractor, accompanied by a statement, unless a like statement, giving the names of the owner of record at the time the work was performed or at the time

of filing the statement, is filed or recorded in the appropriate registry of deeds within the ninety days provided in said section.

Tracking Lists

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Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB306 (SD2172) - An Act modernizing school construction

Sponsor

Sen. Brendan Crighton (D)

Summary

Amends various provisions related to school construction financing; increases the sales tax and storage, use and consumption tax allocated to the school modernization and reconstruction trust fund from one percent to two percent; allows school districts with a disproportionate share of school buildings in need of renovation, replacement or repair, use up to 1 percent of allocated school aid for costs associated with renovation or replacement; limits reimbursement dollar amounts per square foot to at least the average of the actual construction cost per square foot of all approved school projects from the previous 3 fiscal years. Additionally modifies the formula used to determine the grant percentage for approved school projects; establishes a new school integration percentage as part of the formula; grants up to 10 percentage points to project applications that present clear and convincing evidence that the proposed school building project will significantly improve inter-district or intra-district racial integration of students; prohibits the Massachusetts School Building Authority from disqualifying a proposed project for the Accelerated Repair Program due to the submitted estimated total budget unless it is less than \$100,000; authorizes the department of elementary and secondary education to allow extraordinary maintenance projects to qualify as net school spending in amounts up to a total cost per project per school of \$500,000.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 S - New draft substituted - see SB2727View comparison to substituted version

SB2202 (SD2197) - An Act relative to building energy and decarbonization

Sponsor

Sen. Jason M. Lewis (D)

Summary

Amends GL 23J:13 to establish an advisory body for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Sector's clean energy equity workforce and market development program, articulate qualifications, and create a reporting requirement; expands the definition of commercial energy improvement in GL 23M to include district heating systems, microgrids, and energy storage, and removes gas hook-ups; amends GL 25:21 to require electric distribution companies and municipal aggregators with certified efficiency plans to align with limits and sublimits on greenhouse gases under GL 21N and to include

an elimination of fossil fuel related spending over their 2022-24 three-year plans; excludes climate and equity plans from the termination after cost-effectiveness review; gives additional mandates to the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council in GL 25:22 relative to climate and equity benefits, non-combustion renewable energy, and underserved populations (defined as moderate-income, small business, or non-English speaking ratepayers, renters, and environmental justice communities). Modifies the definition of 'net-zero building' in the DER stretch energy code to exclude the use of combustion for heat and the use of fossil fuels for any purpose except backup generation; requires the code to be updated every three years; expands the Green Communities program in GL 25A:10 to include a number of new technologies as well as financing programs; creates a new category of 'green plus' community for municipalities and other bodies that establish an inventory of building emissions; doubles the allowable funds for green communities to \$40 million, with \$10 million reserved for green plus communities; authorizes municipal light plants to participate. Creates a Division of Building Energy and Efficiency within DER, enacting 4 new sections into GL 25A; directs the division to regulate the carbon intensity (metric tons per square foot) of all buildings by 2030, with a phase-in of smaller buildings; establishes a grant and loan program in the division for assistance with retrofitting buildings; establishes the Building Energy Retrofit Trust Fund; creates the Building Decarbonization Advisory Council to review the division's programs. Creates a reporting requirement in GL 143:94 for the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards, to report on the approval status of the International Energy Conservation Code if it is not adopted within one year of revision; adds climate considerations to each of the board's mandates in GL 143:95; requires DER to report to the legislature within one year on the feasibility of a number of proposed building systems. (Note: This bill appears to follow on SB9, "An Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy", which as of 3/9/21 has not passed into law. Section 1 attempts to add subsections (c) and (d) to GL 23J:13, which has not thus far been enacted. Section 10 modifies clause (14) of GL 25A:6, which likewise has not been enacted.)

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, Net Zero

Last Action

2021-09-23 H - Hearing Scheduled 09/29/2021 9:00 AM - Public Hearing, Virtual Hearing

SB1994 (SD2187) - An Act relative to the curatorship program

Sponsor

Sen. Bruce E. Tarr (R)

Summary

Exempts property leased by the Department of Environmental Management to insure its historic preservation and maintenance from local property taxes

Tracking Lists

historic, historic

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Revenue

HB1332 (HD3562) - An Act creating financial opportunities in higher education by reducing unnecessary state administrative policies

Sponsor

Rep. Sean Garballey (D)

Summary

Amends GL 15A;15C (Public education expenditures and revenue) to require each institution within the system of public higher education to annually produce audited financial statements in accordance with: (i) generally accepted accounting principles; (ii) generally accepted auditing standards, and (iii) generally accepted governmental auditing standards; authorizes such institutions to pay their payroll tax from either local funds or their state appropriation; further authorizes foundations established for the benefit of public colleges and universities to enter into any lease agreements permitted by law; amends GL 7C: 46 (Designer Selection Board) to exempt projects with estimated construction costs of less than \$1,000,000 from the jurisdiction of the board (current law exempts only those projects with an estimated construction cost of less than \$300,000); amends GL 7C:5 to increase the cost estimates of constructions contracts over which the DCAMM Commissioner may delegate control and supervision to state agencies; authorizes said Commissioner to delegate such control and supervision to the University of Massachusetts over contracts with estimated costs of less than \$10,000,000; increases thresholds at which a public construction contract must be put out to competitive bid; amends multiple General Laws to amends the competitive procurement process to increase the thresholds at which they apply.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 7c bills

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB2268 (HD3590) - An Act for healthy and green public schools

Sponsor

Rep. Mindy Domb (D)

Summary

Directs the department of public health and the department of elementary and secondary education to implement a healthy and green public schools; requires the program determine the extent to which school buildings provide students a healthy environment conducive to learning and that are also energy efficient and that limit exposure to toxic building materials; requires the program to develop standards for schools, and to develop a plan so all schools meet such standards by 2050; requires assessments to evaluate the listed issues, including infectious disease prevention, air quality, water quality, thermal comfort, protection against pests and pollutants and access to outdoor and green space; requires recommendations to consider unique characteristics of urban environments and historic patterns of injustice; establishes and regulates the membership and operation of an advisory committee charged with guiding the program; requires publication of assessment findings by June 30, 2022, and publication of initial standards and recommendations by December 31, 2022.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2021-06-09 H - Hearing Scheduled 06/22/2021 10:00 AM - Public Hearing, Virtual Hearing

HB3350 (HD3593) - An Act relative to building energy and decarbonization

Sponsor

Rep. Joan Meschino (D)

Summary

Amends GL 23J:13 to establish an advisory body for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Sector's clean energy equity workforce and market development program, articulate qualifications, and create a reporting requirement; expands the definition of commercial energy improvement in GL 23M to include district heating systems, microgrids, and energy storage, and removes gas hook-ups; amends GL 25:21 to require electric distribution companies and municipal aggregators with certified efficiency plans to align with limits and sublimits on greenhouse gases under GL 21N and to include an elimination of fossil fuel related spending over their 2022-24 three-year plans; excludes climate and equity plans from the termination after cost-effectiveness review; gives additional mandates to the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council in GL 25:22 relative to climate and equity benefits, non-combustion renewable energy, and underserved populations (defined as moderate-income, small business, or non-English speaking ratepayers, renters, and environmental justice communities). Modifies the definition of 'net-zero building' in the DER stretch energy code to exclude the use of combustion for heat and the use of fossil fuels for any purpose except backup generation; requires the code to be updated every three years; expands the Green Communities program in GL 25A:10 to include a number of new technologies as well as financing programs; creates a new category of 'green plus' community for municipalities and other bodies that establish an inventory of building emissions; doubles the allowable funds for green communities to \$40 million, with \$10 million reserved for green plus communities; authorizes municipal light plants to participate. Creates a Division of Building Energy and Efficiency within DER, enacting 4 new sections into GL 25A; directs the division to regulate the carbon intensity (metric tons per square foot) of all buildings by 2030, with a phase-in of smaller buildings; establishes a grant and loan program in the division for assistance with retrofitting buildings; establishes the Building Energy Retrofit Trust Fund; creates the Building Decarbonization Advisory Council to review the division's programs. Creates a reporting requirement in GL 143:94 for the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards, to report on the approval status of the International Energy Conservation Code if it is not adopted within one year of revision; adds climate considerations to each of the board's mandates in GL 143:95; requires DER to report to the legislature within one year on the feasibility of a number of proposed building systems. (Note: This bill appears to follow on SB9, "An Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy", which as of 3/9/21 has not passed into law. Section 1 attempts to add subsections (c) and (d) to GL 23J:13, which has not thus far been enacted. Section 10 modifies clause (14) of GL 25A:6, which likewise has not been enacted.)

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/02/2022)

HB3112 (HD3612) - An Act relative to bidding for public construction contracts

Sponsor

Rep. Antonio F.D. Cabral (D)

Summary

Amends GL 149:44 relative to the submission of a bid or offer on public construction projects, by establishing that an application for a certificate of eligibility and update statements is to be a public record, except for financial information contained in the application. Current law specifically exempts a bid or offer from being a public record.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 149 and 149A

Last Action

2022-01-24 H - Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

HB677 (HD3636) - An Act relative to special education finance

Sponsor

Rep. Alice Hanlon Peisch (D)

Summary

Amends various provisions related to special education finance; directs the board of elementary and secondary education to publish annually publish a supplemental report containing student achievement data for each approved private special education school or program; directs the school building assistance program to prioritize projects needed to create space for in-district special education programs and services; requires each approved private special education school or program to provide special education to file annual financial reports with DESE, including independent audits; directs the secretary of education, DESE, the department of early education and care and the operational services division to conduct a study and make recommendations on oversight of approved Massachusetts day and residential private special education programs. (New draft of HB554. The new language repeals language related to establishing of year prices for goods or services related to special education, and pricing of programs related to special education; the new language additionally makes technical and grammatical modifications to the original text.)

Comment

05/20/21 - Committee hearing - This bill is a refile and has been previously given a favorable from the Education Committee.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2021-07-21 H - Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

HB557 (HD3667) - An Act modernizing school construction

Sponsor

Rep. Daniel Cahill (D)

Summary

Amends various provisions related to school construction financing; increases the sales tax and storage, use and consumption tax allocated to the school modernization and reconstruction trust fund from one percent to two percent; allows school districts with a disproportionate share of school buildings in need of renovation, replacement or repair, use up to 1 percent of allocated school aid for

costs associated with renovation or replacement; limits reimbursement dollar amounts per square foot to at least the average of the actual construction cost per square foot of all approved school projects from the previous 3 fiscal years. Additionally modifies the formula used to determine the grant percentage for approved school projects; establishes a new school integration percentage as part of the formula; grants up to 10 percentage points to project applications that present clear and convincing evidence that the proposed school building project will significantly improve inter-district or intra-district racial integration of students; prohibits the Massachusetts School Building Authority from disqualifying a proposed project for the Accelerated Repair Program due to the submitted estimated total budget unless it is less than \$100,000; authorizes the department of elementary and secondary education to allow extraordinary maintenance projects to qualify as net school spending in amounts up to a total cost per project per school of \$500,000.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 H - Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of SB306

SB48 (SD2254) - An Act to ensure a free and open internet in the commonwealth

Sponsor

Sen. James B. Eldridge (D)

Summary

Adds new sections 9 and 10 to GL 25C (Department of telecommunications and cable); prohibits fixed and mobile Internet service providers from engaging in certain activities, such as blocking lawful content, applications or services, impairing or degrade lawful traffic based on content, application or service, or unreasonably interfering with end users' ability to select, access, and use broadband Internet access service or the lawful Internet content, applications, services, or devices of their choice; requires fixed and mobile internet service providers to publicly disclose accurate and relevant information in plain language regarding the network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of its broadband internet access services; gives Attorney General enforcement power under GL 93A; for the duration of the Covid-19 emergency and for 60 days afterward, prohibits internet service providers from increasing the cost of any broadband internet service, levying a new fee or charge related to broadband internet service, or imposing new data caps or allowances, or shutting off service to a consumer unable to pay a bill because of a Covid-19 financial hardship; requires governmental bodies to consider internet providers' management practices in awarding government contracts; establishes an internet consumer access fund to be administered by the treasurer for purposes consistent with ensuring equal access to the free flow of information over the internet.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-02 S - Accompanied study order

HB2498 (HD3711) - An Act relative to elevator inspections for small towns

Sponsor

Rep. Paul W. Mark (D)

Summary

Amends GL 143:64 to exempt elevators located on municipal property in a town of 5,000 residents or fewer from annual inspections and authorizes inspections every five years instead.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 143 bills, Chapter 143 - Elevators

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB501 (SD2310) - An Act promoting sustainable development and infrastructure, economic security, and fiscal responsibility with respect to climate risks

Sponsor

Sen. Nicholas P. Collins (D)

Summary

Establishes a new GL 21P, regarding climate risk and fiscal responsibility across various components of the economy of the commonwealth; directs the secretary of the executive office and energy and environmental affairs to require that every permit or project requiring environmental impact reviews to include information regarding climate risks posed by the application; requires applicants to identify the assumptions, analysis, modeling or projections leading to disclosures as well as possible adaptations to address such climate risks. Instructs the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to consult with the executive office of public safety and security and other affected state agencies and departments, to develop a climate projections dataset to enable uniform review of climate risks; additionally requires such departments to develop climate resilient design standards for public and private construction, development, redevelopment, and new or expanded capital infrastructure projects. Requires applications for state grants, loans, or other funding or financing for capital infrastructure projects, and requests for proposals for state capital projects, to include adaptation measures for climate risks that may occur over the life of the project; details exemptions from such requirements. Additionally directs the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to develop recommendations for integrating best available climate science into the state code including but not limited to commercial and residential base building codes, mechanical codes, electrical codes, and plumbing codes; requires the state board of building regulations and standards to incorporate standards pertaining to climate resilience and public health, and create an appendix to the state building code creating a municipal opt-in climate resilience stretch code; authorizes and regulates the ability of municipalities to request use of alternative floodplain maps. Directs the department of public utilities to develop climate adaptation standards for all investor-owned electric, natural gas, steam distribution, and water companies; instructs DPU to require such companies to prepare and file a climate vulnerability and adaptation plan at least once every five years; details components of such plans; requires DPU to include climate risks and climate adaptation plans in its ratemaking proceedings. Requires the executive office of energy and environmental affairs to establish, conduct, and maintain an annual program of education and training for members of local planning boards, zoning boards, and commissions on climate science and the physical effects of climate change.

Tracking Lists

Climate Adaptation Standards

Last Action2022-03-03 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SB2170 (SD2325) - An Act investing in a prosperous, clean Commonwealth by 2030**Sponsor**

Sen. James B. Eldridge (D)

Summary

Amends GL 21N:2 to strike the word 'regional' from the emissions reporting registry; requires reporting of sources of large reductions; requires reporting of fugitive emissions; amends 21N:3 to replace the ten-year interim targets with five-year interim emissions limits, setting those for 2030 to net-zero, 2040 to -5%, and 2050 to net -10% of 1990 levels; removes the 2020 expiration on regulations supporting the emissions limits in the Global Warming Solutions Act; replaces the renewable energy portfolio standard schedule in GL 25A:11F with a new schedule ending at 100% before 2030; eliminates waste, biomass, nuclear, and hydropower over 30MW in capacity from the definition of renewable energy; eliminates thermal technologies from the alternative energy standard, including combined heat and power, solar, biomass, waste-to-energy, and heat pumps; creates a portfolio standard for municipal light plants with a 100% renewable target in 2030. Requires distribution companies to procure 6,000 MW of offshore wind capacity and retail energy suppliers to procure 6,000 MW of solar photovoltaic energy; requires such contracts to include environmental mitigation plans; requires 1% of project costs to be allocated to workforce development and research. Expands net metering credits to public housing, low-income, and environmental justice communities that operate a net metering facility; allows solar net metering facilities to designate credits to customers in other ISO-NE load zones, provided they are still interconnected (Massachusetts has three such zones); eliminates the caps on a distribution company's net metering share of peak load; requires the department of housing and community development to develop a plan for transitioning all public housing to energy efficient homes with onsite power generation. Requires all new vehicles sold in Massachusetts to be electric by 2027 and zero-emissions by 2030; establishes a rebate of at least \$1,500 for a zero-emissions vehicle under \$50,000 in sales price; adds requirements for designated parking spaces for zero emissions vehicles to the state building code; establishes electrification targets for the MBTA and RTAs and for MBTA bus infrastructure; requires the commonwealth's fleet of vehicles to meet similar targets as new vehicle sales, but for all vehicles serving a public purpose.

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BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, Net Zero

Last Action2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

HB3372 (HD3805) - An Act investing in a prosperous, clean Commonwealth by 2030**Sponsor**

Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven (D)

Summary

Amends GL 21N:2 to strike the word 'regional' from the emissions reporting registry; requires reporting of sources of large reductions; requires reporting of fugitive emissions; amends 21N:3 to replace the ten-year interim targets with five-year interim emissions limits, setting those for 2030 to net-zero, 2040 to -5%, and 2050 to net -10% of 1990 levels; removes the 2020 expiration on regulations supporting the emissions limits in the Global Warming Solutions Act; replaces the renewable energy portfolio standard schedule in GL 25A:11F with a new schedule ending at 100% before 2030; eliminates waste, biomass, nuclear, and hydropower over 30MW in capacity from the definition of renewable energy; eliminates thermal technologies from the alternative energy standard, including combined heat and power, solar, biomass, waste-to-energy, and heat pumps; creates a portfolio standard for municipal light plants with a 100% renewable target in 2030. Requires distribution companies to procure 6,000 MW of offshore wind capacity and retail energy suppliers to procure 6,000 MW of solar photovoltaic energy; requires such contracts to include environmental mitigation plans; requires 1% of project costs to be allocated to workforce development and research. Expands net metering credits to public housing, low-income, and environmental justice communities that operate a net metering facility; allows solar net metering facilities to designate credits to customers in other ISO-NE load zones, provided they are still interconnected (Massachusetts has three such zones); eliminates the caps on a distribution company's net metering share of peak load; requires the department of housing and community development to develop a plan for transitioning all public housing to energy efficient homes with onsite power generation. Requires all new vehicles sold in Massachusetts to be electric by 2027 and zero-emissions by 2030; establishes a rebate of at least \$1,500 for a zero-emissions vehicle under \$50,000 in sales price; adds requirements for designated parking spaces for zero emissions vehicles to the state building code; establishes electrification targets for the MBTA and RTAs and for MBTA bus infrastructure; requires the commonwealth's fleet of vehicles to meet similar targets as new vehicle sales, but for all vehicles serving a public purpose.

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BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB2148 (SD2340) - An Act relative to the future of heat in the Commonwealth

Sponsor

Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem (D)

Summary

Amends GL 23J:3 to authorize the Clean Energy Center to issue bonds for the transition from gas infrastructure; establishes a gas transition trust fund for the purchase of non-gas appliances, connection of households to non-gas thermal infrastructure, and retraining of gas pipeline workers; requires gas distribution companies include in their annual service quality report the amount of funds allocated to enumerated environmental, equity, and political concerns; prohibits the approval of rate plans that include fees to natural gas trade associations or promotion of natural gas; expands the requirements of the natural gas replacement plans filed by gas companies, to include considerations of alternatives to natural gas infrastructure; authorizes the use of bonds issued by the Mass. Development Finance Agency, secured by ratepayer payments, for the financing of non-emitting renewable thermal infrastructure; requires DPU approval of the use of such gas transition bonds and sets conditions for approval; directs DPU to report on the use of such bonds to the legislature three years after enactment and on whether the bond program should be expanded.

Tracking Lists

Energy

Last Action

2021-10-26 H - Hearing Scheduled 11/02/2021 1:00 PM - Public Hearing, Virtual Hearing

HB3049 (HD3938) - An Act to increase community preservation revenue

Sponsor

Rep. John H. Rogers (D)

Summary

Amends GL 44B:8, the statute governing surcharges and fees of registries of deeds, to increase the fee to the Register of Deeds from \$20 to \$80, to the Assistant Recorder from \$10 to 40, and to exempt the filing of mortgages extended by public agencies from such surcharges; exempts subordinate mortgages issued by public or quasi-public agencies from such fees; directs the commissioner of revenue to notify the registers, assistant records, and Joint Committee on Revenue within 120 days of passage.

Tracking Lists

Zoning Reform, Zoning Reform, Zoning Reform, Zoning Reform, Zoning Reform, Zoning Reform

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB2008 (SD2413) - An Act to increase electric vehicle charging infrastructure in new construction

Sponsor

Sen. Michael Barrett (D)

Summary

Directs the state board of building regulations and standards to adopt and incorporate into the state building code standards requiring new construction of commercial and residential buildings with at least 10 parking spaces, major reconstruction, renovation and repair of such buildings, and new construction or repair of parking facilities, to include building electrical service and conduit systems sufficient to support a minimum required number of zero-emission vehicle parking spaces; mandates support of either 4 parking spaces or 30 percent of the total number of spaces, whichever is greater.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-02-22 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SB2192 (SD2459) - An Act furthering adoption of electric vehicles

Sponsor

Sen. Adam G. Hinds (D)

Summary

Establishes various programs to promote the adoption of electric vehicles in the commonwealth; directs the state board of building regulations and standards to adopt and incorporate into the state building code standards requiring new construction of commercial and residential buildings with at least 10 parking spaces, major reconstruction, renovation and repair of such buildings, and new construction or repair of parking facilities, to include building electrical service and conduit systems sufficient to support a minimum required number of zero-emission vehicle parking spaces; mandates support of at least 1 parking space or 10 percent of the total number of spaces, whichever is greater. Additionally, prohibits manufacturers, distributors or franchisor representatives, from coercing any motor vehicle dealer to sell any new motor vehicle that is not a zero-emission vehicle; directs the commissioner of energy resources to establish a program to provide rebates or other financial incentives to consumers and businesses who purchase or lease a zero-emission vehicle; regulates components of the program.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills

Last Action

2022-01-13 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SB2180 (SD2437) - An Act supporting solar energy deployment in the Commonwealth

Sponsor

Sen. Barry Finegold (D)

Summary

Adds new Section to GL 21N (Climate Protection and Green Energy Act) to require the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs to establish a program or programs to ensure that no fewer than 550 megawatts of solar are installed in the Commonwealth during calendar year 2023; further requires said Secretary to ensure that the minimum level of solar installed during each year shall increase annually after 2023 by no fewer than 50 megawatts of alternating current, until the year 2027; directs the Department of Public Utilities too establish alternative rates for different solar project sizes and customer types that are designed to enable the financing and deployment of new residential, commercial, and ground-mounted distributed generation projects, including community solar projects serving all income levels; further directs the Secretary to establish a new program to create green jobs by solarizing the built environment in the Commonwealth; directs the Department of Energy Resources to implement a new program or programs to target unique barriers to clean energy adoption; and directs the division of green communities to implement a Solar Opportunity Zones initiative as a new component of the green communities program.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2022-01-13 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SB2229 (SD2480) - An Act creating a 21st Century clean energy economy

Sponsor

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

Summary

Establishes a comprehensive set of climate reforms with the goal of achieving net zero emissions and mitigating the effects of climate change — establishes a net zero greenhouse gas emissions standard by 2045, with incrementally stringent standards; directs the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs to release comprehensive energy plans every 5 five years starting in 2025 which prioritize meeting energy demand through conservation, improved efficiency, and demand-reduction; expands procurement of offshore wind power; sets out a goal of 100% renewable energy usage in the Commonwealth by 2035; imposes a market-based compliance mechanism on the transportation, commercial, industrial, and residential building sectors; requires all light duty vehicles sold in the Commonwealth to be zero-emissions vehicles by 2035 and establishes a rebate program to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles; requires state agencies and the MBTA to transition to using zero emissions vehicles and busses; authorizes independent retirement systems to divest from fossil fuel companies.

Tracking Lists

BBRS, Chapter 143 bills, Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB2231 (SD2491) - An Act relative to green financing

Sponsor

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

Summary

Establishes a program for clean energy finance at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Center (Mass CEC); directs Mass CEC to conduct a study of clean energy project finance gaps, including project capital, project credit support/enhancement, project finance insurance and project pipeline development; directs the study to develop recommendations on potential sources of additional funding to support initiatives aimed at closing the financing gaps addressed in the study; authorizes MassCEC to establish a “Green Bank” or similar entity or program to provide the investment capital necessary to accelerate the deployment of a range of clean energy technologies in the building, transportation, industrial and other sectors as may be necessary to achieve the pace of decarbonization needed to meet the Commonwealth's net zero emissions goal.

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Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB30 - Report of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor to the engrossed Bill creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy (see Senate, No. 9)

Sponsor

Senate Committee on Bills in the Third Reading

Summary

Submits amendments to The Next-Generation Roadmap climate bill from Senate Bills in Third Reading — this new language incorporates many of the changes proposed by the Governor including reducing the expansion of regulatory authority, and rewriting definitions of emissions, while maintaining the emissions targets from the original bill. The amendment also includes numerous minor technical changes. For more information see our section-by-section summary of the proposed changes.

Tracking Lists

Environment

Last Action

2021-03-11 S - Reported from the Senate Committee on Bills in the Third Reading - see SB9

HB3775 (HD4225) - An Act relative to licensing accountability in the Commonwealth

Sponsor

Governor Charlie Baker (R)

Summary

Amends GL 13:80 to alter the composition of the Board of Registration of Social Workers, adding the DCF and DMH commissioners, academic, and labor representation and removing the professional role qualifications from the remaining social workers; amends GL 13:90 to give the Commissioner of Public Health final approval of regulations proposed by the Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions and removing the director of consumer affairs. Abolishes the per diems in GL 22:10A for appointed members of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinkler Fitters, in GL 22:11 for members of the Board of Elevator Regulations, in GL 143:71A for the chair of the Board of Elevator Examiners; amends GL 146:56A to grant the Division of Professional Licensure sole authority over certificates of competency to operate hoisting machinery and inspect amusement devices, including administering an examination. Amends GL 112:61 to prohibit any board of registration from granting a license to a person listed as a level 3 sex offender; grants the Division of Occupational Licensure subpoena power; authorizes the division to discipline license holders for registering as a level 3 sex offender or failing to cooperate with an investigation; significantly increases the schedule of fines that may be assessed, from \$100 to \$500 for a first offense and \$2,500 to \$5,000 for fourth and subsequent offenses; makes a range of technical changes applying the section, Section 65B governing renewal, and Section 65F governing lapsed and expired licenses, to boards of registration under DPH. Amends GL 112:228 to set a \$2,500 fine, six months jail time, or both as punishment for unlicensed massage, offers thereof, massage therapy, or operation of a massage therapy salon.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 112 bill

Last Action

2022-02-03 H - Extension order filed (until 04/29/2022)

HB3982 (HD4255) - Resolve relative to protecting the archaeological, geological and fossil resources of Massachusetts

Sponsor

Rep. Daniel Carey (D)

Summary

Establishes special commission on protecting the archaeological, geological, and fossil resources of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; specifies membership and duties of commission.

Tracking Lists

historic

Last Action

2022-02-02 H - Accompanied study order

SB2515 (SD2742) - An Act authorizing the town of Acton to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction

Sponsor

Sen. James B. Eldridge (D)

Summary

No summary necessary.

Tracking Lists

Environment

Last Action

2022-01-14 H - Hearing Scheduled 01/19/2022 10:00 AM - Public Hearing, Virtual Hearing

HB4117 (HD4447) - An Act authorizing the town of Concord to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction

Sponsor

Rep. Tami Gouveia (D)

Summary

Home rule petition to allow the town of Concord to enforce restrictions on new construction that does not qualify as fossil-fuel-free (defined as an entire building or an entire condominium unit that does not utilize coal, oil, natural gas other fuel hydrocarbons (including synthetic equivalents), or other fossil fuels), including by withholding building permits.

Tracking Lists

Energy

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 05/02/2022)

SB2546 (SD2753) - An Act to promote American manufacturing

Sponsor

Sen. Joan B. Lovely (D)

Summary

Amends GL 7 and GL 30B (Bidding on public contracts) to require that contracts for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of a public building or public works made by a public agency to contain a provision that the iron, steel, fabricated steel, and manufactured goods used pursuant to the contract shall be manufactured in the United States.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2022-02-09 H - Extension order filed (until 04/15/2022)

SB2570 - An Act relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design

Sponsor

Joint Committee on Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure

Summary

Establishes a new GL 112:265 creating licensure for commercial interior designers, requiring the licensure for any commercial interior design work that would require a permit; delimits work that would and would not fall under the licensure; requires each licensee to pass an exam set by the National Council for Interior Design Certification; establishes a continuing education requirement; prohibits the usage of the term "registered" in conjunction with terms like "commercial interior designer" except by licensees; directs the board of registration of commercial interior designers to approve a seal for use by licensees on plans and specifications; creates the designation "commercial interior designer emeritus" for those licensee who retire after ten years of practice, allowing for expedited re-licensure but prohibiting practice in while so designated; amends GL 13 to establish a board of registration of commercial interior designers, specifying membership qualification, required meetings, and procedure. (New draft of SB218: makes minor changes to the qualifications for membership on the board of registration.)

Tracking Lists

Chapter 7c bills, Interior Design

Last Action

2021-11-08 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

HB4308 - An Act relative to timely public payments for work not included in original construction contracts

Sponsor

Joint Committee on State Administration & Regulatory Oversight

Summary

Adds new section 39U to GL 30 (Public construction contracts) to govern payment for work not included in an original contract subject to GL 30:39M or GL 149:44A; requires that such contracts provide a reasonable time period within which a written request submitted by a person seeking an increase in the contract price shall be approved or rejected, not to exceed (with certain exceptions) 30 days after the later of commencement of the performance of the work on which the request is based or submission of the written request; provides that a request which is neither approved nor rejected within such time period shall be deemed to be approved and may be submitted for payment within the next application for a periodic progress payment, unless rejected before the date payment is due; provides that a rejection of a request, whether in whole or in part, shall be made in writing, shall include an explanation of the factual and contractual basis for the rejection and shall be certified as made in good faith; provides that a rejection of a request shall be subject to the applicable dispute resolution procedure; provides that a provision in the contract which requires a party to delay commencement of the procedure until a date later than 60 days after the rejection shall be void and unenforceable.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 30 and 30B bills

Last Action

2021-12-27 H - Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

SB2708 - An Act building environmental justice and energy efficiency with jobs

Sponsor

Joint Committee on State Administration & Regulatory Oversight

Summary

Establishes the Building Justice with Jobs Task Force and articulates qualifications for membership; directs the task force to develop a plan for reducing housing-related emissions by 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2040, along with a number of additional goals including one million homes retrofitted in the first ten years; exempts rental property owners from required renovations costing more than \$5,000 in expenses after subsidies; requires that programs outlined in the plan be under the purview of DHCD; requires emissions audits and if necessary, environmental hazard remediation, before renovations. Directs DHCD to fully finance the cost audits, remediations, and renovations for homes in environmental justice populations and households with certain income levels; establishes a loan program for half the cost of renovations in Census tracts with median income below the statewide level; establishes labor standards for any renovations carried out; requires DHCD to carry out audits

of all units under its jurisdiction or otherwise overseen by DHCD within 10 years; requires the task force to issue quarterly reports on remediations and renovations. Requires federal, state, county, municipal and quasi-governmental projects related to the planning, construction, repair or maintenance of structures to use such code; additionally requires the department to develop and incorporate standards calling for the replacement of appliances or equipment that consume gas or oil with ones powered by electricity. (Note: largely incorporates language from SB2226.)

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2022-02-22 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SB2727 - An Act establishing a special commission to study the effectiveness of the Massachusetts School Building Authority

Sponsor

Joint Committee on Education

Summary

No summary necessary.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 70B

Last Action

2022-03-03 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Rules

HD57 - An Act relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design

Sponsor

Rep. Patricia A. Haddad (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 265 to GL Chapter 112, creating licensure for commercial interior designers, requiring the licensure for any commercial interior design work that would require a permit; delimits work that would and would not fall under the licensure; requires each licensee to pass an exam set by the National Council for Interior Design Certification; establishes a continuing education requirement; prohibits the usage of the term 'registered' in conjunction with terms like 'commercial interior designer' except by licensees; directs the board of registration of commercial interior designers to approve a seal for use by licensees on plans and specifications; creates the designation 'commercial interior designer emeritus' for those licensee who retire after ten years of practice, allowing for expedited re-licensure but prohibiting practice in while so designated; amends GL Chapter 13 to establish a board of registration of commercial interior designers, specifying membership qualification, required meetings, and procedure.

Tracking Lists

Interior Design, Interior Design, Interior Design, Interior Design

Last Action

2021-01-11 H - Filed in the House

SB7 (SD164) - Pocket veto -- SB2995, An Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy**Sponsor**

Governor Charlie Baker (R)

Summary

Letter outlining the Governor's objections to SB2995.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-01-19 S - Filed in the Senate

SB1 (SD384) - Governor Baker: 2021 State of the Commonwealth Address**Sponsor**

Governor Charlie Baker (R)

Summary

Submits Governor Baker's 2021 State of the Commonwealth Address.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-01-28 S - Filed in the Senate

HD1394 - An Act to create a petition for a New Deal for foresters in the Commonwealth**Sponsor**

Rep. Susannah M. Whipps (I)

Summary

Outlines a range of changes (without specifying any statutory changes) to agricultural and forest land regulation, including eliminating the right of first refusal granted to cities and towns where land may be converted away from those uses, promoting biomass and combined heat as a part of the Renewable Portfolio Standard, and creating a number of new subsidies for forestry activities.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-02-05 H - Filed in the House

SB13 (SD788) - An Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy

Sponsor

Governor Charlie Baker (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's proposed changes to SB9, making a variety of changes including reducing the expansion of regulatory authority, lowering emissions reduction targets, and rewriting definitions of emissions, as well as many changes of a technical and grammatical nature. [Click here to view a section by section analysis of the Governor's suggested modifications](#) and [here for a side by side comparison between SB9 and SB13 with the proposed changes](#).

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-02-08 S - Filed in the Senate

HD1808 - An Act relative to pedestrian safety

Sponsor

Rep. Carolyn C. Dykema (D)

Summary

Requires that developments of commercial buildings, whether construction or rehabilitation, that exceed \$1 million in cost include safety improvements designed to prevent vehicles in angled or perpendicular on-street parking and off-street parking from driving onto sidewalks and walkways or coming into contact with the building; authorizes waivers in unique circumstances; establishes a 15-member commission on parking and public space safety improvements; articulates qualifications for membership; directs the commission to report to EOPS and the legislature by December 31, 2019; amends GL 90I (Complete Streets) to require projects to comply with the new parking guidelines to be eligible for funding; amends GL 175 (Insurance) to allow insurers to count such parking safety improvements as safety measures and offer commensurate discounts.

Tracking Lists

Chapter 143 bills, MAAB bills

Last Action

2021-02-11 H - Filed in the House

SB3 - An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements

Sponsor

Senate Ways and Means

Summary

Submits the Senate Ways & Means version of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget — appropriates roughly \$47.659 billion, including \$18.98 billion for MassHealth, \$5.50 billion in Chapter 70 aid to school districts, \$1.17 billion in unrestricted local aid, \$1.19 billion for UMass, state universities and community colleges, \$351.6 million for MassDOT, and \$127 million for the MBTA; authorizes a transfer from the stabilization fund of up to \$1.55 billion. The outside sections authorize cashless lottery payments; extend and modify the film tax credit; authorize increased data sharing between DOR and the Health Connector to facilitate outreach to those without health insurance; increase compensation for public counsel; authorize passthrough entities to elect to be taxed at the entity level; eliminate asset limits for TAFDC and EAEDC; create a trust fund to support responses to natural disasters and emergencies; establish a Special Commission on Poverty; and commission studies on the impact of COVID-19 on education and children’s behavioral health. For more information, review our summaries of outside sections.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-06-03 S - Printed-as-amended version - see SB2465View comparison to prior version

SB2465 - An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements

Sponsor

Printed As Amended

Summary

Submits the Senate version of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget — appropriates roughly \$47.72 billion, including \$18.98 billion for MassHealth, \$5.50 billion in Chapter 70 aid to school districts, \$1.17 billion in unrestricted local aid, \$1.19 billion for UMass, state universities and community colleges, \$351.6 million for MassDOT, and \$127 million for the MBTA; authorizes a transfer from the stabilization fund of up to \$1.55 billion. The outside sections authorize cashless lottery payments; extend and modify the film tax credit; authorize increased data sharing between DOR and the Health Connector to facilitate outreach to those without health insurance; increase compensation for public counsel; authorize passthrough entities to elect to be taxed at the entity level; eliminate asset limits for TAFDC and EAEDC; create a trust fund to support responses to natural disasters and emergencies; establish a Special Commission on Poverty; and commission studies on the impact of COVID-19 on

education and children's behavioral health. (Printed-as-amended version of SB3, incorporating several amendments adopted by the Senate – the amendments provide for assessments on deactivated nuclear power plants, require testing of outstanding sexual assault evidence kits, establish a Commission on the Status of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and a Hate Crimes Task Force, regulate credit for reinsurance, commission a study on the impact of airplane noise, eliminate several tax expenditures, and incorporate various earmarks for local projects.) For more information, view our section-by-section summary of outside sections.

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-06-03 S - Printed-as-amended version of SB3View comparison to prior version

HB4019 - So much of the message from His Excellency the Governor returning the General Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 2022 (see House, No. 4002) as relates to Attachments A through R, for items returned with disapproval of wording under the provisions of Section 5 of Article LXIII and sections returned with recommendations of amendments under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution (House, No. 4019). July 19, 2021.

Sponsor

Governor Charlie Baker (R)

Summary

Submits the Governor's vetoes and modifications to the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2022; modifications include reductions in appropriation amounts, stricken inside language wording for various appropriations, a veto of section 99 (charitable tax deduction delay), a veto of section 121 (children's behavioral health advisory council analysis of existing and anticipated impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children's behavioral health), and modifications to outside sections: 6 (hate crimes task force), 7 (Revere Beach Reservation Trust Fund), 8 (Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund), 12 (Securing ACP Debt to Commonwealth), 18 (Post-Retirement Earnings of Public Retirees), 23 (Income Tax Deductions), 30 (Tax Expenditure Reform), 32 (Tax Expenditure Reform), 33 (Tax Expenditure Reform), 34 (Tax Expenditure Reform), 39 (Taxation of Pass-Through Entities), 42 (Parking Meter Authorizations), 47 (Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children Asset Limits), 67 (Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Asset Limits), 74 (Untested Sexual Assault Evidence Kits), 102 (Transfer to Pension Liability Fund), 103 (Transfer to Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund), 113 (Regional Transit Authority Distributions), 116 (Tourism Marketing and Promotion Campaign Timing), 117 (Tourism Marketing and Promotion Campaign Timing), 119 (Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Testing), 128 (Special Commission on Poverty), 129 (Special Commission on the Nursing Home Licensure Process), 135 (Task Force on Higher Education Affordability) and 145 (Tax Expenditure Reform Effective Date).

Tracking Lists

Net Zero

Last Action

2021-07-22 H - For actions on the sections returned by the Governor with recommendations of amendments, see HB4003, HB4004, HB4005, HB4006, HB4007, HB4008, HB4009, HB4010, HB4011, HB4012, HB4013, HB4014, HB4015, HB4016, HB4017 and HB4018
