

<b>Bill Section #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>1-14, 38, 43-46 110-112, 118, 135, 140</b>	Municipal Police Training	Requires reforms of the Municipal Police Training Committee. Provides a 50/50 state funding match for municipal police recruit training and requires recruits to repay some training costs if they transfer out of the sponsoring municipality within a certain period.
<b>15, 132-134</b>	Regionalization Incentives	Creates a regionalization incentives grant program to fund feasibility, planning, transitional and technical costs associated with regionalization of services by two or more municipalities. Requires cross-agency collaboration and reevaluation of existing grant requirements to prioritize municipalities which apply jointly.
<b>16, 84-88, 98, 99, 139</b>	Direct Broadcast Television Tax	Creates a 5% tax on direct broadcast television services
<b>17</b>	State Cultural Districts	Establishes the criteria for municipalities to create state cultural districts and directs departments and agencies to identify existing incentives and resources to enhance such districts.
<b>18, 79-80, 89-90, 136</b>	Economic Development Incentive Program	Allows the secretary of economic development to determine the level of state tax incentives provided on a per project basis.
<b>19</b>	Local Aid Stabilization Fund	Creates a state fund specifically to help insulate local aid cuts during economic downturns.
<b>20-25, 113, 114</b>	Sound Business Practices in Bidding and Procurement	Waives current public bidding requirements for building and repair construction contracts below \$5,000 and allows the use of "sound business practices. Allows towns to purchase from the Government Services Administration supply schedule. Allows procurement officers to use reverse auctions to buy products and services from sellers who bid against each other for the product or service being auctioned. This process provides a method of acquiring best pricing from qualified bidders.
<b>26, 33, 34</b>	Municipal Health Insurance	Sets benchmark standard of affordability using GIC as a model and requires every city, town and district to analyze current health plan level of affordability compared to benchmark. Those that do not meet the benchmark must adopt an affordable health plan. Failure to adopt a benchmark plan will result in mediation where the mediators judgment is binding. Allows town management to reject plan on a 2/3 vote but failure to adopt a benchmark plan would trigger local aid penalties. Allows towns to operate health reimbursement accounts.
<b>27, 28</b>	Pro-Rating of Insurance for Part-Time Employees and Retirees	Allows towns to negotiate health insurance contributions on sliding scale for part-time employees and retirees.
<b>29, 30</b>	Municipal Life Insurance	Increases optional life insurance threshold from \$74,000 to \$150,000.
<b>31, 32</b>	Transfer of Eligible Municipal Retirees Into Medicare	Requires all new and current municipal retirees to enroll in Medicare. Federal penalties for late enrollment shall be paid by the municipality
<b>35</b>	Municipal Lease Term Limits	Increases allowable lease limit for municipalities to 25 years from it's current limit of 10 years.

36	Collective Bargaining And Regional Entities	Provides that a municipal decision to enter into an intermunicipal agreement or join a regional entity shall not be subject to collective bargaining. Provides clarification for Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2008.
37	Mutual Aid Agreements	Allows cities, towns and other governmental units in Massachusetts to join a statewide mutual aid agreement to provide police, fire, emergency medical, and other public safety assistance to other municipalities.
39	Affordable Housing Excess Profits	Allows municipalities to collect excess profits from 40B projects for use for education, public safety, and infrastructure.
40, 69, 73	Municipal Water Billing	Allows municipalities to give residents the option to receive a joint property tax and water/sewer bill instead of two separate bills. This shall be an option for taxpayers.
41	Municipal Fines Collection	Allows municipalities to adopt mechanisms to collect municipal fines including snow & ice removal from sidewalks.
42	Joint or Regional Assessing Agreements	Clarifies the law permitting joint or cooperative assessing agreements to allow cities and towns to share assessors as well as assessing department staff.
47	Municipal Borrowing for Dredging Projects	Allows municipalities to borrow explicitly for dredging projects.
48-59, 100	Flexibility In Municipal and Regional School District Borrowing	Increases flexibility in municipal and regional school district borrowing by allowing borrowing for terms consistent with the maximum useful life of the asset, but not more than 30 years, as determined in accordance with guidelines established by the Division of Local Services of the Department of Revenue. Also increases flexibility for emergency borrowing, expedites the process for achieving savings through refinancing and removes overly restrictive requirements for amortization of debt.
60	Elimination of Fee for State House Notes	Eliminates the fee charged to municipalities for the processing of State House Notes by the Director of Accounts. The revenue generated annually is a nominal amount. Eliminating this fee streamlines the processing of the notes and reduces costs for local governments.
61, 62	Municipal Investment Practices	Allows investment of trust funds by the prudent investment rule and investment of surplus funds for up to periods of 3 years.
63	Community Preservation Act Amendment	Allows municipalities which adopt the Community Preservation Act to provide a commercial property tax exemption of \$100,000 which mirrors the residential property exemption.

64	Assessors Abatement Process	Streamlines the process by which local assessors can grant abatements without receiving prior approval from the department of revenue. The commissioner will issue guidelines granting authority to abate for reasons determined by the commissioner to be in the public interest.
65	Tax Increment Financing	Allows municipalities to negotiate the amount of the personal property tax exemption provided in a tax increment finance plan. Currently, personal property under these plans is entirely exempt.
66-68, 138	Eliminating Tax Exemption on Utility Poles and Wires	Eliminates the property tax exemption of poles and wires located on private rights of way.
70	Assessors Penalty Fee	Increases the penalty charged to commercial properties for failing to submit information necessary to make accurate assessments.
71	Extension Request for Filing with Assessors	Prohibits the Appellate Tax Board from granting filing extensions which allow property owners to submit information after it is required and necessary to determine property value.
72	Municipal Electronic Billing	Allows municipalities to create electronic billing systems, provided that taxpayer participation is completely voluntary. Second and third notices would still require mailing of hard copy notices.
74-76, 117	Assessment of Condominium Developments	Allows taxation of additional units constructed or under construction on land subject to a condominium master deed to the developer who retains development rights in the land. Those improvements now escape taxation until the master deed is amended because they are not separately taxable under the condo statute.
77	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bill Due Dates	Currently, payment due dates are determined as 30 days from issue/notice which can cause confusion about the actual due date. This requires specific due dates to be printed on the bills.
78	Boat Excise Compliance	Requires non-payment of boat excises to be reported to the Office of Boat, Recreational Vehicle, and Snowmobile Registration Bureau where a vessel registration will not be granted unless excise payment is remitted to the municipality.
81-83, 96, 97	Local Option Meals Tax	Allows municipalities to adopt a local option meals tax of 2%. For those that adopt this measure, half of the revenues will be remitted to the municipality, 7.5% will fund regionalization incentives grant program, and the remainder will be redistributed by formula to municipalities.
91-95, 137	Local Option Rooms Tax	Increases hotel/motel local option tax by 4% and Expands the state/local tax to include rented vacation properties.
101	School & Municipal Coordination	Requires that school and city official meet annually to identify potential shared services and cost savings.
102	Special Education Tuition Rates	Currently, SPED tuition rates are set by the Operational Services Division and take effect at varying times throughout the year. This would require rates to change only at the start of each school year.

103	Special Education Transportation Mileage Reimbursement for Parents	Requires the Department of Early and Secondary Education to reevaluate the program which provides a mileage reimbursement for parents who transport their children to out-of-district special education placements.
104	Library Spending Waivers	Holds libraries harmless for decreased appropriations in fiscal year 2010 by directing the Board of Library Commissions to issue waivers to all eligible libraries. Obtaining a waiver allows a library to continue receiving state monies in that year. It would require that libraries reach mandated appropriation levels within twenty-four months.
105, 106	Motor Vehicle Registration Compliance	Requires that any new resident must register their vehicle within 30 days or penalty fees would apply.
107, 108, 115, 116, 141	Tow Truck Operator Safety	Requires that all a CORI check be done on all tow truck drivers prior to employment. Requires that each operator or company meet certain department of public safety requirements. Reevaluates the fee structure for certificates and annual decal.
109	Motor Vehicle Inspection Fee	Increases the auto inspection fee by \$6 and directs funds to be used for community policing, state and municipal police training.
119	Abandoned & Unclaimed Checks	The current process states that a check issued by a municipality is not deemed abandoned until 3 years after issuance. This requires a one year expiration period to be printed on checks but does not change the current requirements to attempt contact with the recipient by mail and provide public notices prior to reclamation.
120	Local Option Tax Amnesty Program	Allows adoption of a temporary tax amnesty program which municipalities may offer to taxpayer.
121	Civil Service Study	Creates a commission to review the civil services system including whether certain municipal positions may be permanently exempt from this requirement. The commission will work cooperatively with the Home Rule Amendment Study Commission and may recommend draft legislation where necessary.
122	Home Rule Amendments Study	Creates a commission to study the home rule amendment approval process and shall consider whether certain types of petitions may be excluded from legislative approval. The commission will work cooperatively with the Civil Service Study Commission and the Election Laws Study Commission and may recommend draft legislation where necessary.
123	Mutual Aid Agreements & Public Works Study	Directs the Massachusetts Highway Department to study whether there are further opportunities for municipalities and the state to regionalize or share public works equipment and other resources including staff and fuel depots. This shall include consideration for impact on liabilities and bargaining.

<b>124</b>	Motor Vehicle Excise Billing Study	Directs the Registry of Motor Vehicles to conduct a study to determine their capability of issuing motor vehicle excise bills.
<b>125</b>	Utility Surface Repairs Study	Directs the Massachusetts Highway Department to conduct a study regarding the standards for patching of roads after utility repairs.
<b>126</b>	Election Laws Study	Creates a commission to study the elections procedures followed by municipalities including the feasibility eliminating certain of home rule requirements, and voter check-out tables. This commission shall work cooperatively with the Home Rule Amendment Commission
<b>127</b>	Boat Excise Study	Creates a commission to study the method by which boat excise is calculated.
<b>128</b>	Health Care Spending Accounts and Dependent Care Assistance Accounts	Allows municipal employees adopting the state's health insurance to also obtain certain optional benefits under in the GIC. Employees contribute their own pre-tax dollars to be used for eligible dependent care or health related expenses.
<b>129</b>	Unfunded Pension Liability	Allows decreased payments in the next three years.
<b>130</b>	State & Federal School Reporting Requirements	Directs the Department of Early and Secondary Education to review state and federal reporting requirements in order to consolidate and reduce duplicity of reporting.
<b>131</b>	Regional School Transportation	Factors the cost of mandated regional school transportation into the Chapter 70 formula.