

By Mrs. Lewis of Bridgewater, petition of Jacqueline Lewis, Theodore J. Aleixo, Jr., and others that the Executive Office of Human Services be authorized to reimburse cities and towns to finance infrastructure repairs for prison expansion and construction. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT PROVIDING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS TO CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS UNDERGOING PRISON EXPANSION AND CONSTRUCTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 799 of the acts of 1985, is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 11, and by inserting in place thereof the following
3 sections: —

4 Section 11. The secretary of the executive office of human
5 services is also hereby authorized to expend fifty million dollars
6 for the purpose of a grant program to assist cities and towns to
7 finance infrastructure repairs, purchases, replacement, or
8 construction which is necessitated by the increased demands
9 placed on such cities and towns due to capital construction
10 projects for bed expansion of state correctional facilities and the
11 furnishing and equipping thereof, including the sexually
12 dangerous treatment facility at Bridgewater, as provided for in
13 Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1982, Chapter 723 of the Acts of 1983,
14 Chapter 799 of the Acts of 1985 or Chapter 658 of the Acts of
15 1986 which were under construction but not completed by
16 January ten, nineteen hundred and eighty-six. Such infrastructure
17 repairs, purchases, replacement or construction shall include, but
18 not be limited to, sewers, water mains, streets and highways,
19 public safety communication equipment, other public safety
20 equipment and vehicles, solid waste recovery or disposal facilities,
21 street lighting and traffic lights.

22 Said secretary may provide grant monies to such city or town
23 in an amount which shall be no greater than twenty-five percent
24 of the amount expended within such city or town pursuant to the
25 provisions of section six, of the applicable provisions of
26 section eight; provided, however, said secretary may also provide
27 such grant monies to a city or town in an amount which shall be
28 no greater than twenty-five percent of the amount expended
29 within such city or town for capital projects for bed expansion
30 of state correctional facilities, including the sexually dangerous
31 treatment facility at Bridgewater, authorized by prior acts, which
32 were under construction but not completed by January tenth,
33 nineteen hundred and eighty-six; provided further that no grant
34 shall be made without the approval of the commissioner of
35 administration and the house and senate committees on ways and
36 means.

37 Section 11A. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying
38 out the provisions of section one of this act, the state treasurer
39 shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the
40 commonwealth, to an amount specified by the governor from time
41 to time, not exceeding in the aggregate, the sum of fifty million
42 dollars. All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall
43 be designated on their face, Local Infrastructure Projects Loan
44 Act of 1988, and shall be issued for such maximum term of years,
45 not exceeding twenty years, as the governor may recommend to
46 the general court pursuant to Section 3 of Article LXII of the
47 Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth;
48 provided, however, that all such bonds shall be payable not later
49 than June thirtieth, in the year two thousand and sixteen. Bonds
50 and interest thereon issued under the authority of this
51 section shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, be
52 general obligations of the commonwealth. Borrowing authorized
53 under this section shall be in addition to that which is authorized
54 by section 16 of Chapter 799 of the acts of 1985. This act shall
55 not revoke or amend said section 16.