

H.739

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment

The House concurs in the Senate proposal of amendment with further amendment thereto by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the ~~\$127,378,694.00~~ \$143,757,972.00 authorized in this act, not more than ~~\$70,074,988.00~~ \$69,549,988.00 shall be appropriated in the first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

(c) It is also the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the biennium, the General Assembly address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by offsetting capital projects with funds appropriated to the State from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (ARPA) to the extent these appropriations are in compliance with federal law and guidance.

Sec. 2. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2023:

(1) Statewide, major maintenance: ~~\$7,350,000.00~~ \$7,096,521.00

(2) ~~Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:~~

~~\$3,747,442.00~~ [Repealed.]

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(12) Burlington, 32 Cherry Street, parking garage renovations planning,  
design, and construction: ~~\$865,000.00~~ \$565,000.00

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(15) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:

~~\$2,535,000.00~~ \$6,800,000.00

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(17) ~~Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater planning, design and  
implementation:~~ \$600,000.00

~~(18)~~ Statewide, correctional facilities, door control system replacements:

\$670,000.00

(18) Burlington, 108 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs:

\$2,000,000.00

(19) Springfield, Southern State Correctional Facility, door control

system replacement: \$750,000.00

(20) Windsor, former Southeast State Correctional Facility, necessary  
demolition, salvage, dismantling, and improvements to facilitate future use of  
the facility: \$400,000.00

(21) 133 State Street, renovations for the Office of Legislative  
Information Technology and shared common spaces: \$1,400,000.00

(d)(1) On or before January 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Buildings and  
General Services shall submit to the House Committee on Corrections and  
Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions heat source options for a  
system to dehumidify the State House in the summer months that are  
consistent with the State Agency Energy Plan set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2291.

(2) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (c)(15) of this section, no  
funds shall be expended on the heat source for a system to dehumidify the  
State House in the summer months until the General Assembly approves one  
of the options, as described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (d).

Appropriation – FY 2022	\$19,316,774.00
Appropriation – FY 2023	<del>\$24,800,442.00</del> <u>\$28,714,521.00</u>
Total Appropriation – Section 2	<del>\$44,117,216.00</del> <u>\$48,031,295.00</u>

Sec. 3. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

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(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the following projects described in this subsection:

(1) Women's correctional facilities, replacement:	\$1,000,000.00
(2) Statewide, correctional facility, life safety and security needs and enhancements:	\$200,000.00
(3) <u>Secure Residential Recovery Facility, design and construction:</u>	<u>\$3,200,000.00</u>
(4) <u>Statewide, correctional facilities, accessibility improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance:</u>	<u>\$1,200,000.00</u>
(5) <u>Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC, programming, schematic design, and design documents:</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>

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Appropriation – FY 2022	\$12,350,000.00
Appropriation – FY 2023	<del>\$1,200,000.00</del> <u>\$6,100,000.00</u>
Total Appropriation – Section 3	<del>\$13,550,000.00</del> <u>\$18,450,000.00</u>

Sec. 4. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in this subsection:

(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic

sites: ~~\$350,000.00~~ \$683,000.00

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(d) The Division of Historic Preservation shall conduct a facilities condition assessment on all the buildings and structures of the State Historic Sites within the next five years, with a cyclical update plan. Those buildings and structures open to the public shall be prioritized for investigation.

(e) It is the intent of the General Assembly to encourage the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum to, in addition to the development of a decommissioning plan, explore all options for the ongoing use of the Schooner Lois McClure.

Appropriation – FY 2022 \$473,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2023 \$733,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 4 \$1,206,000.00

Sec. 5. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 8 is amended to read:

Sec. 8. VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

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(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Vermont State Colleges for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges:

\$2,000,000.00

(2) infrastructure transformation planning and space modification:

~~\$100,000.00~~ \$900,000.00

(3) nursing programs, renovation of simulation laboratories:

\$800,000.00

(c) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(3) of this section, on or before January 15, 2023, the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges shall submit a report to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions, on Commerce and Economic Development, and on Health Care and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, on Health and Welfare, and on Institutions, providing an accounting of all expenditures, any encumbered funds, and whether any unexpended funds remain.

Appropriation – FY 2022		\$2,000,000.00
Appropriation – FY 2023	<del>\$2,100,000.00</del>	<u>\$3,700,000.00</u>
Total Appropriation – Section 8	<del>\$4,100,000.00</del>	<u>\$5,700,000.00</u>

Sec. 6. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 8a is added to read:

Sec. 8a. NORWICH UNIVERSITY

(a) The sum of \$200,000.00 is appropriated to Norwich University for the construction of simulation laboratories for the University’s Nursing School.

(b) For the amount appropriated in subsection (a) of this section, on or before January 15, 2023, the President of Norwich University shall submit a report to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions, on Commerce and Economic Development, and on Health Care and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, on Health and Welfare, and on Institutions, providing an accounting of all expenditures, any encumbered funds, and whether any unexpended funds remain.

Appropriation – FY 2023		<u>\$200,000.00</u>
Total Appropriation – Section 8a		<u>\$200,000.00</u>

Sec. 7. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 9 is amended to read:

Sec. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES

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(e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the projects described in this subsection:

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(2) ~~Dam safety and hydrology projects~~ High and Significant Hazard Dam, dam safety improvements:                      ~~\$805,000.00~~ \$3,115,000.00

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(4) Little Hosmer Dam, rehabilitation:    \$190,000.00

(5) Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Drinking and Clean Water State Revolving Fund, State match:    \$2,833,980.00

(f) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the following projects:

(1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small-scale rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of restrooms and bathhouses, and statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects:    ~~\$4,476,553.00~~ \$4,251,553.00

(2) Rustic Cabin Construction Program:                      ~~\$500,000.00~~ \$700,000.00

(g) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the projects described in this subsection:



(1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure: \$1,083,500.00

(2) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc., to upgrade and repair the Walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00

(3) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc., purchase of self-cleaning tanks: \$25,000.00

(h) The following shall apply to the amounts appropriated in this section:

(1) For the amounts appropriated in subdivision (e)(5) of this section, the funds shall not be released until the federal grant has been received by the State.

(2) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (f)(2) of this section, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation is authorized to use not more than \$200,000.00 to work with career technical education centers for assistance with the Rustic Cabin Construction Program.

Appropriation – FY 2022 \$11,455,214.00

Appropriation – FY 2023 ~~\$9,853,264.00~~ \$15,187,244.00

Total Appropriation – Section 9 ~~\$21,308,478.00~~ \$26,642,458.00

Sec. 8. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 10 is amended to read:

Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

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(c) ~~The sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2022 to the Agency of Natural Resources for forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water quality improvements. [Repealed.]~~

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(e) ~~The sum of \$11,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for clean water implementation projects~~ The amount of \$200,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.

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(i) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Water Pollution Control Fund, Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match: \$1,548,219.00

(2) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, pollution control projects and planning advances for feasibility studies: \$2,715,000.00

(j)(1) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the projects described in this subsection:

(A) Agricultural water quality projects: \$200,000.00

(B) Land conservation and water quality projects: \$2,000,000.00

(2) A grant issued under subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection:

(A) shall not be considered a State grant under 6 V.S.A. chapter 215, subchapter 3 for purposes of calculating the maximum amount of a State water quality assistance award under 6 V.S.A. § 4824 or 4826; and

(B) may be used to satisfy a grant recipient's cost share requirements.

Appropriation – FY 2022	<del>\$11,000,000.00</del> <u>\$10,500,000.00</u>
Appropriation – FY 2023	<del>\$11,000,000.00</del> <u>\$6,663,219.00</u>
Total Appropriation – Section 10	<del>\$22,000,000.00</del> <u>\$17,163,219.00</u>

Sec. 9. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 11 is amended to read:

Sec. 11. MILITARY

(a) The sum of \$900,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2022 to the Department of Military for maintenance, renovations, and ADA compliance at State armories.

(b) The sum of ~~\$900,000.00~~ \$1,100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department of Military for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

Appropriation – FY 2022	\$900,000.00
Appropriation – FY 2023	<del>\$900,000.00</del> <u>\$1,100,000.00</u>
Total Appropriation – Section 11	<del>\$1,800,000.00</del> <u>\$2,000,000.00</u>

Sec. 10. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 12 is amended to read:

Sec. 12. PUBLIC SAFETY

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(b) ~~The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department of Public Safety for a feasibility study for the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsford.~~ The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department of Public Safety for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Pittsford, Vermont Policy Academy, feasibility study: \$50,000.00

(2) Williston Public Safety Field Station, construction: \$3,500,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2022 \$6,120,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2023 \$50,000.00 \$3,550,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 12 ~~\$6,170,000.00~~ \$9,670,000.00

Sec. 11. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 13 is amended to read:

Sec. 13. AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS

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(b) The sum of ~~\$350,000.00~~ \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for ~~the project described in subsection (a) of this section~~ major maintenance, renovation, and modernization planning and design at the Vermont Building at the Eastern States Exhibition.

Appropriation – FY 2022		\$260,000.00
Appropriation – FY 2023	<del>\$350,000.00</del>	<u>\$1,400,000.00</u>
Total Appropriation – Section 13	<del>\$610,000.00</del>	<u>\$1,660,000.00</u>

Sec. 12. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 17a is added to read:

Sec. 17a. SERGEANT AT ARMS

The amount of \$185,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Sergeant at Arms for upgrades to 2 Governor Aiken Avenue.

Total Appropriation – Section 17a \$185,000.00

Sec. 13. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 17b is added to read:

Sec. 17b. FY 2022 AND FY 2023; AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT;  
STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; CAPITAL  
PROJECTS; AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) Findings. The General Assembly finds:

(1) In 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.700(c), the General Assembly authorized the Commissioner of Finance and Management to use not more than \$15,000,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to offset capital funds appropriated to projects supporting water and sewer infrastructure in fiscal year 2022 to the extent feasible under federal law and guidance.

(2) The Governor’s fiscal year 2022–2023 capital budget adjustment report included recommendations for water and sewer infrastructure projects

historically funded in the State's capital construction act that could be funded in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 with ARPA funds.

(3) The General Assembly finds that in addition to the capital projects identified by the Governor's fiscal year 2022–2023 capital budget adjustment report, there are other capital projects that can be funded in fiscal year 2023 with ARPA funds.

(b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain projects that are eligible for ARPA funds in this act but appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2023 Annual Appropriations Act.

(c) Authorizations. In fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the following capital projects are authorized to be undertaken with funds appropriated in the FY 2023 Annual Appropriations Act:

(1) In FY 2022 and FY 2023, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation is authorized to upgrade forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and make water quality improvements to these roads.

(2) In FY 2023, in addition to the amounts appropriated in Sec. 10(e) of this act, the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets is authorized to issue water quality grants and contracts.

(3) In FY 2023, in addition to the amounts appropriated in Sec. 10(i)(2) of this act, the Department of Environmental Conservation is authorized to issue municipal pollution control grants.

(4) In FY 2023, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation is authorized to make wastewater repairs and water and sewer infrastructure improvements and upgrades to restrooms and bathhouses at State parks.

(5) In FY 2023, in addition to the amount appropriated in Sec. 10(j)(1)(A) of this act, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board is authorized to issue grants for water quality improvement projects.

(6) In FY 2023, the Vermont Historical Society is authorized to make upgrades and repairs to the HVAC system at the Vermont History Center in Barre.

(7) The Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to begin design and construction for the expansion of the State House in Montpelier.

(8) The Judiciary is authorized to make HVAC improvements to county courthouses.

Sec. 14. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 18 is amended to read:

Sec. 18. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

(a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

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<u>(4) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26,</u>	
<u>Sec. 2(b)(5) (major maintenance):</u>	<u>\$35,475.94</u>
<u>(5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26,</u>	
<u>Sec. 2(c)(11) (Southern State Correctional Facility, copper waterline</u>	
<u>replacement):</u>	<u>\$82,851.42</u>
<u>(6) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,</u>	
<u>Sec. 2(c)(15) (Southern State Correctional Facility, steam line replacement):</u>	
	<u>\$147,068.63</u>
<u>(7) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,</u>	
<u>Sec. 2(c)(16) (Statewide, ADA projects, State-owned buildings and</u>	
<u>courthouses):</u>	<u>\$52,460.30</u>
<u>(8) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,</u>	
<u>Sec. 2(c)(19) (Waterbury State Office Complex project, true up):</u>	<u>\$11,016.00</u>
<u>(9) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,</u>	
<u>Sec. 13(c)(2) (Westminster, DPS Facility, project cost adjustment for</u>	
<u>unanticipated site conditions and code modifications):</u>	<u>\$4,522.99</u>
<u>(10) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84</u>	
<u>Sec. 2(b)(2) (Statewide – Major Maintenance):</u>	<u>\$53,755.21</u>
<u>(11) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,</u>	
<u>Sec. 2(b)(6) (Randolph, Agencies of Agriculture, Food and Markets and of</u>	
<u>Natural Resources, collaborative laboratory, construction):</u>	<u>\$156,275.91</u>



(12) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,  
Sec. 2(b)(7) (Springfield, Southern State Correctional Facility, completion of  
the steamline replacement): \$36,382.55

(13) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84  
Sec. 2(b)(9) (Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility Door Control  
replacement): \$72,287.54

(14) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,  
Sec. 2(c)(2) (Statewide, major maintenance): \$26,921.21

(15) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,  
Sec. 2(c)(18) (Rutland, Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility):  
\$2,850.00

(16) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,  
Sec. 2(c)(8) (Waterbury State Office Complex, Weeks building renovation and  
fit-up): \$224,387.21

(17) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,  
Sec. 2(c)(17) (Waterbury State Office Complex, Stanley and Wasson,  
demolition of Stanley Hall, and programming, schematic design, and design  
development for Wasson Hall): \$265,247.20

(18) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,  
Sec. 6(a)(9) (E-911 compliance grants): \$39,156.48

<u>(19) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,</u>	
<u>Sec. 11(e)(1)(B) (phosphorous removal equipment):</u>	<u>\$58,890.00</u>
<u>(20) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,</u>	
<u>Sec. 16(c)(a) (NEK fiber network):</u>	<u>\$209,291.36</u>
<u>(21) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,</u>	
<u>Sec. 2(b)(6) (120 State Street):</u>	<u>\$800,000.00</u>
<u>(22) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,</u>	
<u>Sec. 10(b)(2) (rustic cabin construction):</u>	<u>\$775,409.25</u>
<u>(23) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,</u>	
<u>Sec. 17(a)(1) (stand-alone digital public address system):</u>	<u>\$147,177.00</u>
<u>(24) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,</u>	
<u>Sec. 17(b) (stand-alone digital public address system):</u>	<u>\$174,888.00</u>
<u>(25) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.</u>	
<u>3(c)(5), as added by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 2 (Windsor and St.</u>	
<u>Johnsbury, site preparation, relocation, and rebuild of a greenhouse at the</u>	
<u>Caledonia County Workcamp from the former Southeast State Correctional</u>	
<u>Facility):</u>	<u>\$162,872.00</u>

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Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 18 \$4,198,694.44 \$7,737,808.64

Sec. 15. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 19 is amended to read:

Sec. 19. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

(a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$123,180,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded. The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954.

(b) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue additional general obligation bonds in the amount of \$12,840,163.00 that were previously appropriated but unissued under 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50 for the purpose of funding the appropriations in this act.

Total Revenues – Section 19                                      ~~\$123,180,000.00~~ \$136,020,163.00

Sec. 16. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 100(c), as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.113.1, 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.113.1, 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 29, 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 18, 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 25, 2020 Acts and

Resolves No. 139, Sec. 19, and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 24, is further amended to read:

(c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1, 2023~~ June 30, 2022.

Sec. 17. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 21a is amended to read:

Sec. 21a. ~~13 BALDWIN STREET; SALE OF PROPERTY~~ PROPERTIES

(a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the property located at 13 Baldwin Street in Montpelier, Vermont, pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166. ~~The~~ To the extent that there are sufficient proceeds from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction projects, the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to use up to \$300,000.00 in FY 2023 for the project described in Sec. 2(c)(1) of this act.

(b) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the property located at 14–16 Baldwin Street in Montpelier, Vermont, pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166. The proceeds of the sale of 14–16 Baldwin Street shall be appropriated to future capital construction projects.

(c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the property located at 9 Baldwin Street in Montpelier, Vermont, contingent upon the completed relocation of the Office of Legislative

Information Technology to 133 State Street. The proceeds from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction projects.

Sec. 18. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 25b is added to read:

Sec. 25b. REDUCING CARBON INTENSITY; STATE BUILDINGS;  
STATE ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; INTENT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Buildings and General Services implement strategies as soon as practicable to reduce carbon intensity in buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department.

These strategies may include the use of:

(1) non-fossil-fuel alternatives when installing or replacing any space conditioning or water heating systems; and

(2) carbon-storing and least-embodied-carbon materials, as evidenced by appropriate documentation from contractors and suppliers, when constructing, renovating, or substantially repairing a building or facility.

(b) It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreations and the Agency of Transportation use the technical assistance of the State Energy Management Program, created in 29 V.S.A. § 168, for eligible projects.

Sec. 19. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 30a is added to read:

Sec. 30a. NURSING SCHOOL PROGRAMS; SIMULATION  
LABORATORIES; REPORT

On or before January 15, 2023, the Vermont State Colleges, Norwich University, and the University of Vermont shall each submit a report to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on Health Care and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Health and Welfare detailing the infrastructure and programming needs, estimated costs, and timeline to renovate or construct nursing simulation laboratories in order to expand student enrollment at nursing programs in the State.

Sec. 20. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, E.126.3, as amended by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 31, is further amended to read:

Sec. E.126.3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATE BUILDINGS; USE OF  
SPACE; AUTHORITY OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165 and any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to perform its constitutional duties, the Legislative Branch shall have exclusive use of alternative locations during the 2021–22 legislative biennium, including the following:

- (1) 133 State Street:
  - (A) Basement: rooms 012, 016, and 021.
  - (B) First Floor: rooms 121 and 126.
  - (C) Fourth Floor: board room.

(2) 109 State Street:

(A) Basement: rooms B07 and B015 and surrounding space;

(B) Second floor: rooms 264, 267, 268, and 270.

(C) Fourth floor: conference room.

(3) 111 State Street: library stacks room on the second floor.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165 and any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to perform its constitutional duties, beginning July 1, 2021, the Legislative Branch shall have the exclusive use of the following space:

(1) 2 Aiken Street: entire building.

(2) 4 Aiken Street: entire building.

(3) 133 State Street:

(A) Basement: rooms 015 and 022.

(B) First Floor: rooms 122 and 125.

(c) Beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2023,

notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165 and any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to perform its constitutional duties, the Legislative Branch shall have exclusive use of rooms 264, 267, 268, and 270 on the second floor of 109 State Street.

(d) The Sergeant at Arms and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall consider ways to address any disruption to the functionality of the Executive and Legislative Branches in shared State building space.

~~(d)~~(e) The authority of the Sergeant at Arms set forth in 2 V.S.A. chapter 62 shall apply in any rooms or spaces occupied by the Legislative Branch.

Sec. 21. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 10 is amended to read:

Sec. 10. NATURAL RESOURCES

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(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2020 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the following projects:

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(2) Rustic Cabin Construction Program:	\$ <del>797,586.00</del> <u>\$22,176.75</u>
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Sec. 22. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.