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## **Representative Smola supports multi-year bond bill to maintain municipal and state infrastructure**

**BOSTON** – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) recently supported a multi-year, \$5 billion bond bill to address the infrastructure needs of municipal and state government facilities. House Bill 4790, *An Act financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth*, was engrossed by the House of Representatives by a vote of 155-0 on May 19.

Representative Smola said the House bill provides for statewide capital investments in the Commonwealth's judicial, public safety, higher education and cultural facilities. The bill authorizes \$675 million for the construction, renovation and improvement of the state's courts, along with \$530 million for the construction and upgrade of public safety and security facilities, \$750 million for public higher education campus facilities and grounds, and \$50 million for cultural facilities.

Other major funding authorizations contained in the bill include:

- \$100 million to assist cities and towns with accessibility improvements to municipal buildings;
- \$975 million for costs associated with planning, studies, and acquisition of land and buildings;
- \$820 million for work on the facilities and grounds operated by the various departments within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;
- \$60 million for the Housing Stabilization and Investment Trust Fund;
- \$84 million for the Water Pollution Abatement Trust;

- \$400 million for costs associated with the decarbonization of state-owned facilities, including reductions in fossil fuel emissions, increased energy and water efficiency, and improving climate change readiness;
- \$51 million for a food security program to support food banks and other components of the food distribution channel;
- \$100 million for the replacement of State Police cruisers and accompanying equipment

In addition to the various bond funding authorizations, House Bill 4790 includes language imposing a five-year moratorium on the construction of new prisons. The moratorium would also extend to projects involving the conversion, renovation or repair of any existing or dormant correctional facility.

House Bill 4790, as amended, now heads to the Senate for its consideration. For additional information please contact Representative Smola at [Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov](mailto:Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov) or (617)722-2100.

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