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| Date  |  December 20, 2023 |
| Chapter or Committee: | Legislative Liaison Committee Quarterly Report-December 2023 |
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|  | New Hampshire: Jeffry Santacruce Rhode Island: Peter PavaoMaine: Tom ErricoMassachusetts: David GiangrandeVermont: Costa PappisConnecticut: Charles Harlow**General:****This committee will continue to exist and will provide quarterly reports on or about the second Friday of December, March, June and September.****Massachusetts:** **STATE LOTTERY REVENUE AND CHAPTER 90 POTENTIAL IMPACT**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Treasurer, Deborah Goldberg, informed Lawmakers at their December 4th, 2023 tax revenue hearing that the Lottery profit is significantly less than last years. The Lottery generated $1.193 billion in FY2023 and is projected to turn a profit of $1,025 billion this year. That is a reduction of approximately 14% from last year. The Treasurer cited increased competition due to a deluge of sports wagering advertisements. This reduced profit is relevant to public infrastructure because the Lottery is the main source of funding for cities and towns, through the Chapter 90 process. The Chapter 90 program provides municipalities with an annual funding source for improvements to and investments in local transportation networks. A 14% reduction would negatively impact public works programming statewide. To avoid cuts in local aid the legislators may have to tap other sources. **MBTA ANNOUNCES A STAGERING $24.5 BILLION PRICE TAG TO BRING SYSTEM TO A STATE OF GOOD REPAIR.**At the MBTA Board meeting on November 16,2023, the T published a new analysis of the quality of its trains, tracks, signals, construction equipment and other assets. The report cited that 2/3 of the T assets are not in a state of good repair. The cost to bring the system to a state of good repair would be an investment of $24.5 Billion. This estimate only addresses current problems and does not include regular maintenance, expansion of service or large-scale projects.**Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Maine:** These states’ legislatures are either not in session and/or have nothing to report at this time.  |
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