



General Assembly

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To: Senate Bill No. 879

File No. 256

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"AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 31-286a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2015*):

6 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of any general statute, special
7 act, charter or ordinance, neither the state, or its agents, nor any
8 political subdivision of the state, or its agents, may enter into any
9 contract on or after October 1, 1986, for the construction, remodeling,
10 refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration or repair of any
11 public works project before receiving from each of the other parties to
12 such contract (1) sufficient evidence of compliance with the workers'
13 compensation insurance and self-insurance requirements of subsection

14 (b) of section 31-284, and (2) a current statement from the State
15 Treasurer that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, as of the
16 date of the statement, the particular party was not liable to the state for
17 any workers' compensation payments made pursuant to section 31-
18 355, except that any sole proprietor performing on such contract shall
19 not be subject to the provisions of this section, provided such sole
20 proprietor (A) does not utilize any subcontractor or lower tier
21 subcontractor in performing such contract, (B) is not acting as a
22 principal employer, (C) has not elected to be covered by the provisions
23 of chapter 568, and (D) has liability insurance in lieu of workers'
24 compensation insurance.

25 Sec. 502. Section 7-348 of the general statutes is repealed and the
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

27 No officer of such town shall expend or enter into any contract by
28 which the town shall become liable for any sum which, with any
29 contract then in force, shall exceed the appropriation for the
30 department, except in cases of necessity connected with the repair of
31 highways, bridges, sidewalks and water and sewer systems and the
32 care of the town poor, and then not more than one thousand dollars. If
33 any occasion arises whereby more money is needed for any
34 department of the town than has been appropriated as provided for in
35 this chapter, the selectmen shall notify the board of finance of such
36 fact, and the chairman of such board shall forthwith call a meeting
37 thereof to consider the appropriation for such department and the
38 board may make the necessary appropriation therefor, after inquiry,
39 but, if, in towns where the grand list is not more than twenty million
40 dollars, the amount required or the amount required, together with the
41 sum of any additional appropriations made by the board for such
42 department within the same fiscal year, exceeds [ten] twenty thousand
43 dollars, or, in towns where the grand list exceeds twenty million
44 dollars, if the amount required or the amount required, together with
45 the sum of any such additional appropriations, exceeds [twenty] forty
46 thousand dollars, such appropriation shall not be made until, upon the

47 recommendation of the board, the same has been voted by the town at
 48 a meeting called for such purpose, provided no more than one such
 49 additional appropriation for any one department shall be made in one
 50 year without town meeting approval, and provided the board may
 51 make additional appropriations for the care of town poor without
 52 town meeting approval not exceeding, in the aggregate, [two] four
 53 thousand dollars in towns where the grand list does not exceed twenty
 54 million dollars or [four] eight thousand dollars in towns where the
 55 grand list exceeds twenty million dollars. The board may call a public
 56 hearing prior to the town meeting at which parties in interest and
 57 citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard so that the board may
 58 obtain information to assist in making its recommendations. The
 59 amount required for such appropriation may be drawn either from any
 60 cash surplus available or from any contingent fund established as
 61 hereinafter provided. If no cash surplus exists and no funds are
 62 available in the contingent fund, such appropriation may be financed
 63 by borrowing, and the amount of such borrowing shall be included in
 64 and made a part of the next tax levied. The estimate of expenditures
 65 submitted by the board of finance to the annual town meeting or
 66 annual budget meeting may include a recommended appropriation for
 67 a contingent fund in an amount not to exceed three per cent of the total
 68 estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year. No expenditure or
 69 transfer shall be made from the contingent fund until such expenditure
 70 or transfer has been approved by the board of finance. The provisions
 71 of this chapter shall not be a limitation upon the town in issuing bonds
 72 under the provisions of law or expending the proceeds thereof in
 73 accordance with the vote of such town nor shall such provisions be a
 74 limitation upon the settlement of claims or judgments against the town
 75 under the provisions of law."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2015	31-286a(a)
Sec. 502	October 1, 2015	7-348