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**Amendment**

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**"AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT IN HARTFORD COUNTY AND EXTENDING THE MATURITY DATE FOR MUNICIPAL SEWERAGE SYSTEM BONDS."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 7-348 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

5 No officer of such town shall expend or enter into any contract by  
6 which the town shall become liable for any sum which, with any  
7 contract then in force, shall exceed the appropriation for the  
8 department, except in cases of necessity connected with the repair of  
9 highways, bridges, sidewalks and water and sewer systems and the  
10 care of the town poor, and then not more than one thousand dollars. If  
11 any occasion arises whereby more money is needed for any  
12 department of the town than has been appropriated as provided for in  
13 this chapter, the selectmen shall notify the board of finance of such

14 fact, and the chairman of such board shall forthwith call a meeting  
15 thereof to consider the appropriation for such department and the  
16 board may make the necessary appropriation therefor, after inquiry,  
17 but, if, in towns where the grand list is not more than twenty million  
18 dollars, the amount required or the amount required, together with the  
19 sum of any additional appropriations made by the board for such  
20 department within the same fiscal year, exceeds [~~ten~~] twenty thousand  
21 dollars, or, in towns where the grand list exceeds twenty million  
22 dollars, if the amount required or the amount required, together with  
23 the sum of any such additional appropriations, exceeds [~~twenty~~] forty  
24 thousand dollars, such appropriation shall not be made until, upon the  
25 recommendation of the board, the same has been voted by the town at  
26 a meeting called for such purpose, provided no more than one such  
27 additional appropriation for any one department shall be made in one  
28 year without town meeting approval, and provided the board may  
29 make additional appropriations for the care of town poor without  
30 town meeting approval not exceeding, in the aggregate, [~~two~~] four  
31 thousand dollars in towns where the grand list does not exceed twenty  
32 million dollars or [~~four~~] eight thousand dollars in towns where the  
33 grand list exceeds twenty million dollars. The board may call a public  
34 hearing prior to the town meeting at which parties in interest and  
35 citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard so that the board may  
36 obtain information to assist in making its recommendations. The  
37 amount required for such appropriation may be drawn either from any  
38 cash surplus available or from any contingent fund established as  
39 hereinafter provided. If no cash surplus exists and no funds are  
40 available in the contingent fund, such appropriation may be financed  
41 by borrowing, and the amount of such borrowing shall be included in  
42 and made a part of the next tax levied. The estimate of expenditures  
43 submitted by the board of finance to the annual town meeting or  
44 annual budget meeting may include a recommended appropriation for  
45 a contingent fund in an amount not to exceed three per cent of the total  
46 estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year. No expenditure or  
47 transfer shall be made from the contingent fund until such expenditure  
48 or transfer has been approved by the board of finance. The provisions

49 of this chapter shall not be a limitation upon the town in issuing bonds  
50 under the provisions of law or expending the proceeds thereof in  
51 accordance with the vote of such town nor shall such provisions be a  
52 limitation upon the settlement of claims or judgments against the town  
53 under the provisions of law."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2015	7-348