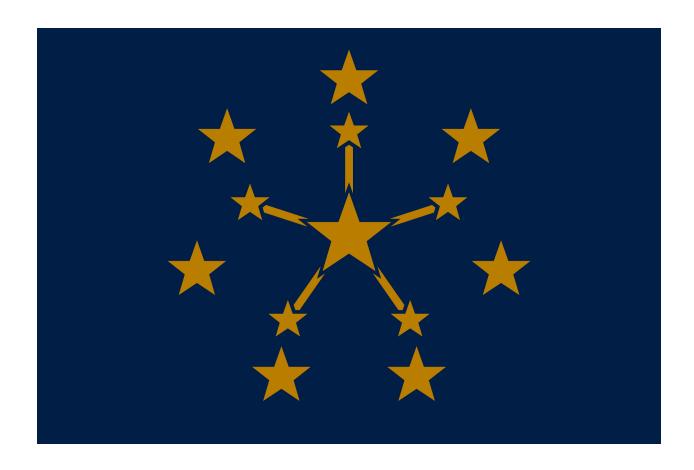
# THE BUDGET OF THE ATLANTIC COMMONWEALTH



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The People of the Atlantic Commonwealth, represented in Assembly, do enact as follows;

# TITLE 1. THE BUDGET

# **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

A. This legislation may be referred to by its full title or by 'The Budget Act 2017'.

# **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.**

- A. Resident shall be defined as: any individual whose primary residence is within the Commonwealth. This shall apply to those who do not have a residence if they work within the Commonwealth or receive welfare benefits from the commonwealth.
- B. Dependent shall be defined as: an individual who relies on the income of another person to purchase any item necessary to continue living. This shall include all individuals under 18 and any individual who has retired or who is unemployed.
- C. Security shall be defined as: a tradable financial instrument (such as a share in a corporation) that has monetary value.
- D. Manufactured goods shall be defined as: any physical product that is produced in various stages by a private business.

# **SECTION 3. ACT DECLARED AS BUDGET.**

- A. The General Assembly declares this Act, containing the relevant appropriations and prohibitions on spending, is the state budget for this fiscal term and shall go into effect upon passage and remain in force until the expiration of the fiscal term (defined as the next state election).
- B. In the event of the General Assembly failing to pass a budget for the next fiscal term, this budget shall be used, indexed for inflation according to the Consumer Price Index.

# SECTION 4. ACCOUNTING OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, STATE DEBT, AND THE SURPLUS/DEFICIT.

- A. The expenditures for this budget term are \$522,521,623,602.63. The direction of these expenditures shall be stated in Section V.
- B. The revenue for this budget term are \$523,489,332,233.64. The direction of these revenues shall be stated in Section VI.
- C. The surplus for this budget term is \$967,708,631.01. \$400,000,000 of this surplus will be spent on paying down the debt of the Atlantic Commonwealth

and the remainder shall be allocated to the Atlantic Commonwealth Energy Corporation for the purpose of paying for nationalized property.

# **SECTION 5. EXPENDITURES.**

- A. The appropriation for the Department of Health shall be \$4,011,843,516.22.
- B. The appropriation for the Atlantic Health Service shall be \$170,000,000,000.00.
- C. The appropriation for the Office of the Aging shall be \$437,641,087.50.
- D. The appropriation for the State Education Department shall be \$54,870,853,259.62.
  - a. \$686,400,000 of this shall be expended to fund Universal Pre-Kindergarten.
- E. The appropriation for the STAR property tax credit shall be \$5,643,415,356.75.
- F. The appropriation for the Council on the Arts shall be \$80,796,703.27.
- G. The appropriation for the University of the Atlantic Commonwealth shall be \$29,337,283,318.40.
  - a. The University of the Atlantic Commonwealth shall open a savings account jointly and shall deposit 5% of funds allocated to it for the purpose of funding free tuition and any funds leftover after funding free tuition for eligible students attending the college. The University of the Atlantic Commonwealth may withdraw funds from this account if either is unable to provide free tuition to eligible students already enrolled.
- H. \$8,500,000,000 of this shall be expended for the implementation of Public Law B. 065.
- I. The appropriation for the Department of Transportation shall be \$16,676,804,612.07.
- J. The appropriation for the Department of Environmental Protection shall be \$3,462,229,155.
- K. The appropriation for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall be \$2,000,000,000.
- L. The appropriation for the Department of Motor Vehicles shall be \$528,683,147.73.
- M. The appropriation for the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance shall be \$9,615,949,365.00.
- N. The appropriation for the Office of Children and Family Services shall be \$5,594,734,176.00.
- O. The appropriation for the Department of Labor shall be \$1,049,012,658.00.
- P. The appropriation for the Division of Housing and Community Renewal shall be \$874,177,215.00.
- Q. The appropriation for the Division of Housing and Community Renewal shall be \$874,177,215.00.

- R. The appropriation for the Division of Human Rights shall be \$26,225,316.45.
- S. The appropriation for the Office of Mental Health shall be \$6,119,240,505.00.
- T. The appropriation for the Office of People With Developmental Disabilities shall be \$5,245,063,290.00.
- U. The appropriation for the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services shall be \$1,748,354,430.00.
- V. The appropriation for the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs shall be \$874,177,215.00.
- W. The appropriation for the Department of Corrections and Community Services shall be \$5,245,063,290.00.
- X. The appropriation for the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services shall be \$3,059,620,252.50.
- Y. The appropriation for the Division of State Police shall be \$1,223,848,101.00.
- Z. The appropriation for the Division of Criminal Justice Services shall be \$423,101,772.06.
- AA. The appropriation for the Division of Military and Naval Affairs shall be \$157,351,898.70.
- BB. The appropriation for the Office of Indigent Legal Services shall be \$153,855,189.84.
- CC. The appropriation for the Commission on Judicial Conduct shall be \$9,790,784.81.
- DD. The appropriation for the Commission on Correction shall be \$4,685,589.87.
- EE. The appropriation for Reclassification/Miscellaneous shall be \$9,175,890,303.32.
- FF. The appropriation for the Judiciary shall be \$4,982,810,125.50.
- GG. The appropriation for the Department of Law shall be \$408,927,862.70.
- HH. The appropriation for the Legislature shall be \$382,531,207.51.
- II. The appropriation for the Department of Audit and Control shall be \$327,431,817.65.
- JJ. The appropriation for the Executive Chamber shall be \$23,739,156.45.
- KK. The appropriation for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall be \$699,341.77.
- LL. The appropriation for the Atlantic Commonwealth Development Corporation shall be \$874,177,215.00.
- MM. The appropriation for the Department of Financial Services shall be \$628,771,193.79.
- NN. The appropriation for the Department of Agriculture and Markets shall be \$174,835,443.00.
- OO. The appropriation for the Department of Economic Development shall be \$87,417,721.50.

- PP. The appropriation for the Public Service Department shall be \$17,483,544.30.
- QQ. The appropriation for the Atlantic Commonwealth Energy Research and Development Authority shall be \$40,998,911.38.
- RR. The appropriation for the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall be \$22,728,607.59.
- SS. The appropriation for the Olympic Regional Development Authority shall be \$3,496,708.86.
- TT. The appropriation for the Office of Information Technology Services shall be \$1,068,244,556.73.
- UU. The appropriation for the Department of Taxation and Finance shall be \$629,407,594.80.
- VV. The appropriation for the Office of General Services shall be \$526,254,683.43.
- WW. The appropriation for the Atlantic Commonwealth Gaming Commission shall be \$472,055,696.10.
- XX.The appropriation for the Workers' Compensation Board shall be \$353,790,009.04.
- YY. The appropriation for the Department of State shall be \$244,769,620.20.
- ZZ. The appropriation for the Division of the Budget shall be \$52,450,632.90.
- AAA. The appropriation for the Labor Management Committees shall be \$52,450,632.90.
- BBB. The appropriation for the Division of Veterans' Affairs shall be \$34,967,088.60.
- CCC. The appropriation for the Department of Civil Service shall be \$26,225,316.45.
- DDD. The appropriation for the State Board of Elections shall be \$26,225,316.45.
- EEE. The appropriation for the Office of the Inspector General shall be \$13,986,835.44.
- FFF. The appropriation for the Joint Commission on Public Ethics shall be \$13,986,835.44.
- GGG. The appropriation for the Public Employment Relations Board shall be \$6,993,417.72.
- HHH. The appropriation for the Division of Tax Appeals shall be \$34,967.09.
- III. The appropriation for the Office of Employee Relations shall be \$6,993,417.72.
- JJJ. The appropriation for the Office of Prevention of Domestic Violence shall be \$4,370,886.08.
- KKK. The appropriation for the Deferred Compensation Board shall be \$1,398,683.54.
- LLL. The appropriation for the Office of the Welfare Inspector General shall be \$611,924.05.

- MMM. The appropriation for the Department of Environmental Conservation shall be \$3,496,708,860.00.
- NNN. The appropriation for the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation shall be \$611,924,050.50.
- OOO. The appropriation for the Adirondack Parks Agency shall be \$8,299,438.48.
- PPP. The appropriation for Assistance to Local Government shall be \$1,748,354,430.00.
- QQQ. The appropriation for interest payments on the debt shall be \$13,825,212,760.00.
- RRR. The appropriation for the Administrative General Fund shall be \$15,000,000,000.00. The Governor shall have full authority over the use of these funds for public projects.
- SSS. The appropriation for the State Pension Fund shall be \$100,000,000,000.00.
- TTT. The appropriation for the Atlantic Commonwealth Broadcasting Corporation shall be \$2,000,000,000.00.
- UUU. \$1,046,000,000 of this shall be expended for the implementation of Public Law B. 019.
- VVV. The appropriation for the Universal Credit Administration shall be \$26,513,283,343.84
  - a. The appropriation for Universal Credit: Child Benefit shall be \$12,661,800,000.00
  - b. The appropriation for Universal Credit: Elder Benefit shall be \$5,011,511,300.00.
  - c. The appropriation for Universal Credit: Care Support shall be \$4,711,053,060.00.
  - d. The appropriation for Universal Credit: Low Income shall be \$4,128,918,984.
- WWW. The appropriation for the implementation of Department of Justice Directive 001 shall be \$1,916,200,000.00.
- XXX. The appropriation for the high speed rail construction shall be \$9,500,000,000.

#### **SECTION 6. REVENUES.**

A. There shall be a tax applied to the income of individuals who work within the state. The brackets for this tax are shown below. The revenue from this tax shall be \$58,868,579,250.00.

a.

| BRACKET | RATE OF TAX |
|---------|-------------|

|                         | ·  |
|-------------------------|--|
| \$0 - \$10,000          | 0% + .25% AHS support and solidarity surcharge   |
| \$10,000 - \$25,000     | 0% + .25% AHS support and solidarity surcharge   |
| \$25,000 - \$50,000     | 0% + .25% AHS support and solidarity surcharge   |
| \$50,000 - \$75,000     | 0% + .25% AHS support and solidarity surcharge   |
| \$75,000 - \$100,000    | 0% + .25% AHS support and solidarity surcharge   |
| \$100,000 - \$200,000   | 8% + 1% AHS support and solidarity surcharge   |
| \$200,000 - \$500,000   | 11% + 6 cents per dollar earned<br>between \$400,000 and \$500,000 +<br>1% AHS support and solidarity<br>surcharge |
| \$500,000 - \$1,000,000 | 19% + 1% AHS support and solidarity surcharge  |
| \$1,000,000+            | 23% + 1% AHS support and solidarity surcharge  |

- B. The state shall levy a 2% tax on the value of land and natural resources. The value of the land shall not include any improvements made to the land. The revenue from this tax will be \$50,640,000,000.00.
- C. The state shall levy a 2% tax on sales. The revenue from this tax will be \$11,678,133,415.19
- D. The state shall levy a tax on all tobacco products. This tax shall be set at 2.5%. The revenue from this tax shall be \$6,796,530,000.06.
  - a. The last three sentences in New York Tax Law Section 471 is hereby stricken in their entirety.
- E. The estimated amount of aid from the Federal Government shall be \$115,654,934,516.00.
- F. There shall be a tax placed on the sale of securities within the Northeastern State. This tax shall be levied at the rate of 1%. The revenue from this tax shall be \$134,391,165,163.48.

- G. There shall be a tax on the sale of marijuana and LSD within the state. The rate that this tax shall be levied at will be \$0.25 for every gram sold. The expected revenue from this tax shall be \$235,431,000.00.
- H. There shall be a tax imposed on all prostitution services offered through a brothel. The rate of this tax shall be levied at will be 17%. The expected revenue from this tax shall be \$66,062,612.00.
- I. The expected revenue for the state pension fund shall be \$129,000,000,000. All revenue from the fund must go to the state pension fund.
- J. There shall be a flat 1% corporate income tax. The expected revenue from this tax shall be \$780,863,928.84.
- K. The expected revenue from the state lottery shall be \$5,160,859,348.07.
- L. The expected revenue from the estate and gift tax shall be \$3,885,000,000.00.
- M. The expected revenue for the corporate utility tax shall be \$1,243,200,000.00.
- N. The expected revenue for the motor fuel and highway use tax shall be \$621,600,000.00.
- O. The expected revenue for the insurance tax shall be \$2,455,320,000.00.
- P. The expected revenue for the bank tax shall be \$253,302,000.00.
- Q. The expected revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax shall be \$1,729,602,000.00.
- R. The expected revenue from the Pari-Mutuel Tax shall be \$28,749,000.00.

## SECTION 7. LIMITS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXATION.

No local government may tax sales or establish a value added tax at a rate higher than 6%.

# TITLE 2. HEALTHCARE REFORMS

#### SECTION 8. PRESCRIPTION CHARGES.

- A. Section V (a) c of A.B. 108 shall be repealed.
- B. The co-payment for prescriptions shall be \$10.70.
- C. The co-payment for elastic hosiery shall be \$21.40.

#### **SECTION 9. DENTAL CHARGES.**

A. The co-payment for clinical examination, case assessment and report, orthodontic case assessment and report, advice, dental charting, diagnosis and treatment planning, radiographic examination and radiological report, study casts, color photographs, instruction in the prevention of dental and oral disease including dietary advice and dental hygiene instruction, surface application as

- primary preventive measures of sealants and topical fluoride preparations, scaling, polishing and marginal correction of fillings, taking material for pathological examination, adjustments to and easing of dentures or orthodontic appliances, or treatment of sensitive cementum shall be \$25.
- B. The co-payment for all treatments stated in Section 2a, non-surgical periodontal treatment (gum disease treatment), including root-planing, deep scaling, irrigation of periodontal pockets and subgingival curettage and all necessary scaling and polishing, surgical periodontal treatment, including gingivectomy, gingivoplasty or removal of an operculum, raising and replacement of a mucoperiosteal flap, curettage, root planning and bone resection, free gingival grafts, permanent fillings in amalgam, composite resin, synthetic resin, glass ionomer, compomers, silicate or silico-phosphate, including acid etch retention, sealant restorations, endodontic treatments (root canal treatment) of permanent or retained deciduous teeth, pulpotomy and apicoectomy, extraction of teeth, transplantation of teeth, oral surgery including surgical removal of cyst, buried root, unerupted tooth, impacted tooth or exostosed tooth and alveolectomy, soft tissue surgery in relation to the buccal cavity and lips, frenectomy, frenuloplasty, frenotomy, relining and rebasing dentures including soft linings, addition of tooth, clasp, labial or buccal flange to dentures, splints (other than laboratory made splints) in relation to periodontally compromised teeth and in connection with external trauma, and bite raising appliances (other than laboratory made appliances) shall be \$68.60.
- C. The co-payment for all treatments stated in Section 2b, laboratory made porcelain or composite veneers, including acid etch retention, inlays, pinlays, onlays and palatal veneers, in alloys containing 60% or more fine gold, porcelain, composite resin and ceramics, crowns including any pin or post aids to retention: full or three-quarter crown cast in alloys containing not less than 331/3% fine gold or platinum or palladium, full or jacket crown cast in alloys containing stainless steel or cobalt chromium or nickel chromium, crown in porcelain, synthetic resin and other non-metallic crowns, full or jacket crowns in alloys containing not less than 331/3% fine gold or platinum or palladium, or alloys containing stainless steel or cobalt chromium or nickel chromium, with thermally bonded porcelain, jacket crown thermally bonded to wrought platinum coping, prefabricated full or jacket crown, including any pin or post retention, bridges including any pin or post aids to retention:, bridges in alloys containing 60% or more fine gold with or without thermally bonded facings, bridges cast in alloys containing stainless steel, cobalt chromium or nickel chromium, with or without thermally bonded facings, acid etch retained bridges, bridges in other materials, provision of full (completed) or partial dentures, overdentures and

obturators in synthetic resin or metal or both synthetic resin and metal, including any cast or wrought metal components or aids to retention, orthodontic treatment and appliances, and other custom made applications excluding sports guards shall be \$300.

D. There shall be no charge for orthodontia for those under the age of eighteen.

#### SECTION 10. EYECARE CHARGES.

The co-payment for eye tests shall be \$27.

# SECTION 11. WIG AND FABRIC SUPPORTS CHARGES.

- A. The co-payment for a surgical brassiere shall be \$35.50.
- B. The co-payment for abdominal or spinal support shall be \$54.
- C. The co-payment for stock modacrylic wig shall be \$88.
- D. The co-payment for a partial human hair wig shall be \$232.
- E. The co-payment for a full bespoke human hair wig shall be \$340.

# **SECTION 12. REPEAL OF PAYROLL TAX.**

Section VII of A.B. 108 shall be repealed in its entirety.

## SECTION 13. AHS SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY SURCHARGE.

All funds raised from the AHS support and solidarity surcharge shall be given to the Atlantic Health Service.

# SECTION 14. ATLANTIC HEALTH SERVICE RAINY DAY FUND.

The Atlantic Health Service shall open a savings account and shall deposit 5% of funds allocated to it for the purpose of providing universal healthcare and any funds leftover after funding universal healthcare. The Atlantic Health Service may withdraw up to 10% of the funds from this account per year if it is unable to provide universal healthcare, as determined by the board of the AHS.

# SECTION 15. CO-PAYMENTS AND CHARGE ADJUSTMENTS.

The Board of the AHS may charge co-payments or change existing co-payments, including those in Sections 1 through. The Board of the AHS may not raise co-payments more than twice the rate of inflation per the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index (CPI) without approval from the legislature.

# **SECTION 16. EXEMPTIONS FROM CO-PAYMENTS.**

- A. The following groups shall be exempt from co-payments and cost sharing.
  - a. Those under the age of 18

- b. Pregnant persons or persons with a child less than one year of age
- c. Any recipient of Negative Income Tax payments
- d. Students of the University of the Atlantic Commonwealth
- e. Are an inpatient
- f. Those over 65 years of age

# TITLE 3. CODE REFORMS

#### SECTION 17. ELIMINATION OF MISDIRECTED SPENDING.

- A. B.033 shall be repealed in its entirety.
- B. B.045 shall be repealed in its entirety.

## **SECTION 18. BUDGET INCONSISTENCIES.**

All other budgets, including A.B.112 shall be repealed.

## SECTION 19. DELAYED ENACTMENT.

B.065 shall be enacted on January 1, 2018.

# TITLE 4. BUDGET PROCESS REFORM

#### SECTION 20. GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET.

- A. Within the first twenty-one days of the 13th Assembly and every sixth assembly thereafter, the Governor shall submit a budget of the Atlantic Commonwealth Government for the following fiscal year. Each budget shall include a budget message and summary and supporting information. The President shall include in each budget the budget authority for each department and all independent agencies, the estimated surplus or deficit, any tax changes, all appropriations, and the current state debt.
- B. This act shall not be interpreted to invalidate any budget that does not originate with the executive or eliminate the ability of assemblypersons to write and/or sponsor budgets that do not originate with the executive.

#### SECTION 21. ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE.

If the Assembly rejects the Governor's proposed budget, it shall be responsible for crafting and passing a budget prior to the end of the assembly.

#### SECTION 22. GUBERNATORIAL VETO PROCEDURE.

If the Governor vetoes a proposed budget, they shall be responsible for crafting and passing a budget prior to the end of the assembly.

#### SECTION 23. BUDGET RESPONSIBILITY.

If the seventh assembly and every sixth assembly thereafter fails to pass a budget and relevant appropriations, all non-essential operations of the state government shall cease until a budget is passed or temporary appropriations are made.

# TITLE 4. UNIVERSAL CREDIT.

# SECTION 24. DIRECT CASH TRANSFER ELIMINATION.

- A. All direct cash or cash-in-kind transfers to citizens shall be discontinued at the discretion of the Governor.
- B. The agencies of the Atlantic Commonwealth shall be responsible for the transition of those who benefit from direct cash or cash-in-kind transfers to Universal Credit and the discontinuation of direct cash or cash-in-kind to Universal Credit.

# **SECTION 25. UNIVERSAL CREDIT ADMINISTRATION.**

The Universal Credit Administration shall be created to administer universal credit payments. It shall be headed by the Head of the Universal Credit Administration, who shall be appointed by the Governor.

# SECTION 26. UNIVERSAL CREDIT: LOW INCOME.

- A. Households earning below a defined sum of money (called the minimum income floor) shall receive supplemental pay from the Universal Credit Administration.
- B. The minimum income floor shall be the federal poverty threshold by household size.
- C. If a household makes below this minimum income floor, they shall be given money from the government equal to 50% of the minimum income floor minus their income. (For example, if a family of three makes no income, they shall receive \$10,045 from the government in 2017. If a family of three is making \$12,000 annually, they shall receive \$4,045. If one earns \$23,000 annually, they shall not receive any money.)
- D. The Department of Taxation and Finance shall use annual (or monthly for benefit recipients) household incomes determine the benefits each household is qualified to receive by this program, and report these incomes to the Universal Credit Administration.

- E. Households that receive Universal Credit: Low Income shall declare their incomes to the IRS monthly to determine the benefits those households are to qualified to receive for the following month.
- F. If a household is determined to be ineligible for Universal Credit: Low Income by the Department of Taxation and Finance, they shall not be required to declare their income monthly for the purposes of this legislation.
- G. Federal negative income tax benefits shall not be considered 'income' for the purposes of this legislation.
- H. If a household has a significant decline in income (defined as 30% lower household income than last declared to the Department of Taxation and Finance and under the minimum income floor) during the course of a year, then that household may request an emergency review for qualification of the Universal Credit: Low Incme. This review shall be completed by the Universal Credit Administration, in cooperation with the Department of Taxation and Finance, in a period of no more than 2 weeks after request.
- I. If the review determines that the household income meets the criteria in Section 26C, then that household may obtain Universal Credit: Low Income, starting with a month's payment the week the review is completed.

#### SECTION 27. UNIVERSAL CREDIT: CHILD CREDIT.

Any individual or household with children under the age of eighteen that has submitted a state income tax form shall be entitled to Universal Credit: Child Credit. The household shall be entitled to \$2,000 per child, per year.

# SECTION 28. UNIVERSAL CREDIT: ELDER CREDIT.

Any household which has a person over the age of sixty-five that has submitted a state income tax form shall be entitled to Universal Credit: Elder Credit. The household shall be entitled to \$1,000 per person over the age of sixty-five, per year.

# SECTION 29. UNIVERSAL CREDIT: CHILDCARE CREDIT.

Any household which has a child between the ages of two months and four years and which earns less than \$100,000 shall be entitled to \$200 per month for the purpose of paying for childcare.

# **SECTION 30. ENACTMENT.**

- A. Section IX of A.B. 108 shall be amended to read "This legislation shall be enacted ninety days after the passage of The Responsible Healthcare and Taxation Reform Act."
- B. This legislation shall be enacted ninety days after passage.

This legislation was written by /u/realnyebevan (RLP).
The budget may be found in spreadsheet form here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11UYBueRAc\_qKdQW5LMDWH\_caU7n46qKnJmkYISyX00s/edit#gid=941962346