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To accompany the petition of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, by Willis B. Downey, general counsel, for legislation relative to the method of assessing the amount which the Commonwealth may be called upon to pay said authority on account of a deficit as of the last day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four. Metropolitan Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE METHOD OF ASSESSING THE AMOUNT WHICH THE COMMONWEALTH MAY BE CALLED UPON TO PAY THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY ON ACCOUNT OF A DEFICIENCY AS OF THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The seventh paragraph of section 13 of  
2 chapter 544 of the acts of 1947, as most recently amended  
3 by section 1 of chapter 195 of the acts of 1954, is hereby  
4 further amended by inserting after the word "fifty-  
5 three" in line 23, the words:—, or on account of a  
6 deficiency as of the last day of December, nineteen  
7 hundred and fifty-four, — so as to read as follows:—  
8 In case the commonwealth shall be called upon to  
9 pay the authority any amount under this section on  
10 account of a deficiency existing as of the last day of  
11 December in the year nineteen hundred and forty-nine,  
12 or as of the last day of December in any year thereafter,  
13 such amount, with interest or other charges incurred in  
14 borrowing the money for the purpose, shall be assessed  
15 upon the cities and towns constituting the authority as  
16 provided by section twenty of chapter fifty-nine of the  
17 General Laws, as amended, in proportion to the number

18 of persons in said cities and towns using the service of  
19 the authority at the time of said payment, said propor-  
20 tion to be determined and reported to the state treasurer  
21 by the trustees from computations made in their dis-  
22 cretion for the purpose; provided, that any amount  
23 which the commonwealth is called upon to pay the  
24 authority on account of a deficiency as of the last day  
25 of December, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, or on  
26 account of a deficiency as of the last day of December,  
27 nineteen hundred and fifty, or on account of a deficiency  
28 as of the last day of December, nineteen hundred and  
29 fifty-one, or on account of a deficiency as of the last day  
30 of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, or on  
31 account of a deficiency as of the last day of December,  
32 nineteen hundred and fifty-three, or on account of a  
33 deficiency as of the last day of December, nineteen  
34 hundred and fifty-four, with interest and other charges  
35 incurred in borrowing the money for the purpose, shall  
36 be assessed upon the cities and towns constituting the  
37 authority as provided by section twenty of chapter  
38 fifty-nine of the General Laws, as amended, in propor-  
39 tion to the amounts paid under the last preceding  
40 assessment under section fourteen of chapter one hun-  
41 dred and fifty-nine of the special acts of nineteen hun-  
42 dred and eighteen.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its pas-  
2 sage.