

By Mr. Buxbaum of Sharon, petition of Laurence R. Buxbaum that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority be authorized to establish demonstration projects to provide improved transportation facilities for elderly persons. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO PROVIDE IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

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. Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding at the end of section twenty-nine the
3 following section: —

4 *Section 30.* The authority is authorized and directed to
5 establish demonstration projects in and between cities and
6 towns to provide improved transportation facilities for the
7 elderly. Such demonstration projects shall include the operation
8 of regular bus, mini-bus, taxicab and other vehicular service
9 routes between elderly housing projects and shopping, recrea-
10 tional, medical care and other facilities. Such projects may be
11 undertaken by contract with private organizations. The finan-
12 cing of such projects shall be undertaken with maximum
13 utilization of federal grants and loans and may include public
14 and private financing contributions and subsidies. The common-
15 wealth may expend such sums or shall be appropriated to
16 finance such projects. The routes and types of service shall be
17 set forth in a plan or plans which shall be approved by the
18 secretary of elder affairs.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

