

HOUSE No. 2619

By Mr. Smith of Lynn (by request), petition of Elmer Brown that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority be directed to charge reduced fares for certain elderly, blind or disabled persons. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REDUCED FARES ON THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE ELDERLY, BLIND OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED.

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 5 of chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out subsection (e 1/2), inserted by sec-
3 tion 1 of chapter 574 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following subsection: —

5 (e 1/2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or of
6 section 15 of chapter 159, the Authority shall charge any
7 person who is permanently disabled, blind, receives social secur-
8 ity benefits, or is sixty-two years of age or older who resides in
9 a city or town comprising the territory of said Authority
10 one-half the regular adult cash fare, if said half fare is a
11 multiple of five, or, if not such a multiple, one half the regular
12 adult cash fare adjusted to the next lowest amount which is a
13 multiple of five, for transportation on its rapid transit lines and
14 on its surface lines; provided, that such person shall first obtain
15 an identification card from the Authority stating that the
16 holder is eligible for a reduced fare. Such identification shall be
17 issued by the Authority for a fee of fifty cents upon the
18 furnishing by the applicant of evidence reasonably sufficient to
19 establish said disability, blindness, or age.

