

By Mr. Manning of Milton, petition of M. Joseph Manning for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the operation and maintenance of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Transportation.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of three  
2 members of the senate, five members of the house of representa-  
3 tives and three persons to be appointed by the governor, is hereby  
4 established for the purpose of making an investigation and study  
5 relative to the operation, maintenance and finances of the Massa-  
6 chusetts Bay Transportation Authority, including but not limited  
7 to the lack of equipment, frequent delays and insufficiency of  
8 service on the rapid transit lines, and the methods and procedures  
9 established to maintain operation of the system during severe  
10 storms or other natural emergencies. Said commission may con-  
11 sult with and receive assistance from the secretary of the executive  
12 office of transportation and construction and the general manager  
13 of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Said commis-  
14 sion may involve in advisory roles such persons, organizations, or  
15 public and private institutions as it may determine as appropriate.  
16 Said commission may travel without the commonwealth. Said  
17 commission may seek, accept and expend any grants or gifts  
18 of money, professional services, consultant services, clerical and  
19 other services and supplies from the federal government or any  
20 other private or public source. Said commission shall report to the

21 general court the results of its investigation and study, and its  
22 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation neces-  
23 sary to carry said recommendations into effect, by filing the same  
24 with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before, the last  
25 Wednesday of June, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.