

By Mr. McDonough of Boston, petition of John E. McDonough, Gloria L. Fox and Kevin W. Fitzgerald relative to assessments upon cities and towns served by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT AMENDING THE ASSESSMENTS TO THE VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

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. Section 8 of chapter 161A of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking the first paragraph and inserting
3 in place thereof the following: —

4 In any year, if the commonwealth shall be called upon to pay
5 any amount on account of the net cost of express service during
6 the previous calendar year, whether provided by ownership, lease,
7 contract or otherwise, seventy-five percent of such net cost of
8 service of such previous calendar year shall be assessed upon all
9 cities and towns comprising the authority's territory in the
10 proportion which the number of commuters in each said city or
11 town bears to the total number of commuters in all of said cities
12 or towns, provided, however, that there shall not be assessed under
13 this paragraph that part of the net cost of service which represents
14 the debt service on any obligation of the Metropolitan Bay Transit
15 Authority issued for express service purposes or any obligation
16 of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority issued to
17 refinance the same. The number of commuters shall be determined
18 in accordance with the latest decennial census made by the United
19 States Department of Commerce. If said census shall not provide
20 the necessary data for determining the number of commuters, the
21 authority shall determine the number of commuters by some
22 accurate and otherwise appropriate method. Twenty-five percent

23 of such net cost of service of such previous calendar year shall
24 be assessed upon those cities and towns of the authority which
25 had one or more express service stations as of the first day of July
26 of such previous calendar year. Such assessments shall be in the
27 proportion which the number of riders boarding at all express
28 service stations in such city or town bears to the number of riders
29 boarding at all express service stations in the area constituting the
30 authority. The number of riders shall be determined by the
31 authority so as to maintain as much accuracy as possible with
32 respect to changes in such service and in no event less frequently
33 than every two years.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 8 of chapter 161A is further
2 amended by striking the last paragraph.