

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1756

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By Messrs. Downey and Whalen of Brockton, petition of Joseph H. Downey and John J. Whalen that railroad corporations be required to sell certain commutation tickets good for sixty rides and prescribing regulations relative thereto. Transportation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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An Act providing for the Sale of Sixty-ride Commutation Tickets by Railroad Corporations within the Commonwealth.

*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 one hundred and sixty of  
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
3 after section one hundred and ninety, as appearing  
4 in the Tercentenary edition, the following new sec-  
5 tions:—

6 *Section 190A.* Commutation tickets shall be sold  
7 by all railroad corporations transporting passengers  
8 within the confines of the commonwealth, except  
9 the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Com-  
10 pany. Said commutation tickets shall be issued  
11 for not more than sixty rides between the terminal  
12 and each station on the lines of said railroad within  
13 the commonwealth. Said tickets shall be accepted  
14 for fare during the period of fifty days from the

15 date of sale thereof. The charge for said commu-  
16 tation tickets shall be at the same rate per passenger  
17 mile between stations of equal distance from the  
18 terminal of said railroad within the commonwealth,  
19 and in no case shall the rate be in excess of that  
20 charged for the so-called sixty-ride ticket heretofore.  
21 The rates of fare on all such railroads for like dis-  
22 tances from their terminals within the commonwealth  
23 shall be equal.

24 *Section 190B.* All such railroad corporations issu-  
25 ing said commutation tickets shall, at the request  
26 of any person owning such ticket, reimburse said  
27 owner for the cost of the fare paid by said owner  
28 between stations named on the ticket when said  
29 owner fails to present the ticket for fare. The holder  
30 of a commutation ticket, in order to be entitled to  
31 reimbursement, shall, unless the ticket is lost, pre-  
32 sent said ticket and rebate slip to the proper em-  
33 ployee, agent or officer of the railroad corporation  
34 at the station of issue within two weeks from the  
35 date on the rebate slip.

36 *Section 190C.* If the owner of a commutation  
37 ticket loses it, he shall notify the proper official of  
38 such railroad forthwith, and if, after the time of  
39 expiration of said ticket, no proof can be given by  
40 said corporation that said ticket had been used after  
41 the date of such notification, said railroad corporation  
42 shall reissue a new ticket at the request of said owner,  
43 on the basis of the number of unused rides at the time  
44 such notification of loss was given.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall apply only to such  
2 commutation tickets issued after the effective date  
3 hereof.