

By Messrs. Weinberg of Boston and Melia of Boston, petition of Norman S. Weinberg and John F. Melia that the Department of Public Utilities be required to hold hearings and approve far echanges by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING AND THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES PRIOR TO ANY CHANGE IN FARES BY THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for a method  
3 of fare changes by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Au-  
4 thority subject to the approval of the department of public  
5 utilities for the protection of the riding public, therefore it is  
6 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the im-  
7 mediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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), as appearing in section 18  
3 of chapter 563 of the acts of 1964, and inserting in place thereof  
4 the following subsection: —

5 (e) The trustees, subject to the approval of the department  
6 of public utilities after public hearing, may, from time to time,  
7 make changes in fares, provided, however, that no proposed  
8 change in fares shall be filed with said department unless it is  
9 first submitted to and approved by the advisory board.

