

By Mr. White of Boston, petition of W. Paul White for legislation to provide additional financial assistance by the Commonwealth for the operation of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FINANCING 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 16 of Chapter 1140 of the Acts of 1973
2 is hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph as
3 appearing therein.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding to said Chapter the following new
3 section:—

4 *Section 30.* In any calendar year after calendar year nineteen
5 hundred and seventy-three, the commonwealth, acting by and
6 through the executive office for administration and finance,
7 shall enter into a contract or contracts with the authority
8 providing that in addition to the contract assistance provided
9 under section 28 of Chapter 161A of the General Laws,
10 additional financial assistance shall be paid by the com-
11 monwealth from the General Fund. The amount of said
12 assistance shall not be assessed upon the cities and towns
13 constituting said authority; provided, however, that the total of
14 the financial assistance provided under this section and the
15 contract assistance provided under said section 28 in any
16 calendar year shall not be less than 50 per cent of the net cost of
17 service of the authority for such calendar year. Financial
18 Assistance provided by the commonwealth to the Massachusetts

19 Bay Transportation Authority under this paragraph shall, for
20 assessment purposes, be applied so as to result in reductions to
21 the cost of local service and to the cost of express service in
22 proportion to the percentage each bears to the total cost of said
23 express and local service after the application of contract
24 assistance under said section 28 to the net cost of express service
25 and the net cost of local service.

1 SECTION 3. In addition to the contract assistance and
2 financial assistance provided under Chapter 161A of the General
3 Laws, the commonwealth, acting by and through the executive
4 office for administration and finance, shall enter into a contract
5 or contracts with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
6 Authority to pay to said authority fifty per cent of the net
7 additional expense of rail service to the cities of Lowell,
8 Haverhill, Lawrence, Newburyport and Gloucester and to the
9 towns of Acton, Ayer, Billerica, Littleton, North Andover,
10 Andover, Ipswich, Rockport and Franklin for service contracted
11 for with the authority by each of said communities from
12 January 1, 1975, to December 31, 1975; provided, that the
13 proportion of the net additional expense of said rail service paid
14 by the commonwealth shall not exceed the proportion of said
15 Authority's total net cost of service paid by the commonwealth
16 for calendar year nineteen hundred and seventy-five.