

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, petition of William M. Straus, John F. Quinn, James H. Fagan, Antonio F. D. Cabral, Joseph B. McIntyre and Robert M. Koczera for legislation to further regulate the operation of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority. Transportation.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.  
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO FURTHER REGULATING THE AUTHORITY OF THE WOOD'S HOLE MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAM-SHIP 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. Paragraph (e) of section 4 of Chapter 701 of the  
2 Acts of 1960, as most recently amended by section 105 of Chapter  
3 33 of the Acts of 1991, is hereby further amended by adding the  
4 following language: —

5 However, no license, lease, charter or other arrangement shall  
6 be denied to any person applying for the provision of year round  
7 excursion service to and from either of the islands of Martha's  
8 Vineyard or Nantucket from any point on the mainland of the  
9 Commonwealth where such year round service is provided during  
10 the months of October through April at weekly levels equal to or  
11 greater than fifty per centum of the weekly levels of service pro-  
12 vided during the months of May through September.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of Chapter 701 of the acts of 1960, is  
2 amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in its place  
3 the following: —

4 Steamship bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall  
5 constitute a debt of the Commonwealth only in the event, circum-  
6 stance or occurrence of default or nonpayment by the authority.  
7 All such bonds shall contain on the face thereof a statement to the

8 effect that the commonwealth is only secondarily obligated for the  
9 payment of the principal or of the interest on such bonds in the  
10 event of default or nonpayment by the Authority.

1 SECTION 3. The second paragraph of section 3 of chapter 701  
2 of the Acts of 1960, as amended by section 102 of Chapter 33 of  
3 the Acts of 1991 is hereby further amended by striking out the  
4 second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
5 paragraph: —

6 The Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship  
7 Authority shall consist of six persons to be appointed as fol-  
8 lows:— one resident of the town of Nantucket by the selectmen  
9 thereof; one resident of the county of Dukes County by the county  
10 commissioners thereof; one resident of the town of Falmouth by  
11 the selectmen thereof; and two residents of the Commonwealth by  
12 the Governor, each of whom shall serve for a term of three years  
13 and until his successor has been appointed and qualified; and one  
14 resident of the town of Barnstable by the town council thereof,  
15 which shall be a nonvoting member of the authority and who shall  
16 serve at the pleasure of said town council. The successor of each  
17 member from the town of Nantucket, the county of Dukes County,  
18 the town of Falmouth or the Commonwealth may be removed for  
19 cause by the selectmen of the town or the commissioners of the  
20 county of which he was a resident at the time of his appointment  
21 or by the Governor for the appointees made by the Governor.