

By Mr. Honan of Boston, petition of Kevin G. Honan relative to amending the assessments to the various cities and towns of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Transportation.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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 is  
2 hereby amended by striking the first paragraph and inserting in  
3 place 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 pro-  
10 portion which the number of commuters in each said city or town  
11 bears to the total number of commuters in all said cities and  
12 towns, provided, however, that there shall not be assessed under  
13 this paragraph that part of the net cost of services which repre-  
14 sents the debt service on any obligation of the Metropolitan Bay  
15 Transit Authority issued for express service purposes or any  
16 obligation of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority  
17 issued to refinance the same. The number of commuters shall be  
18 determined in accordance with the latest decennial census made  
19 by the United States Department of Commerce. If said census  
20 shall not provide the necessary data for determining the number of  
21 commuters, the Authority shall determine the number of com-  
22 muters by some accurate and otherwise appropriate method.  
23 Twenty-five percent of such net cost of service of such previous

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

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