

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1737

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By Mr. Magnani, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1737) of David P. Magnani for legislation relative to a more equitable rate assessment methodology and municipal reimbursement process for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Transportation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A MORE EQUITABLE RATE ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY AND REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS FOR 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to  
2 the contrary, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority  
3 shall formulate and implement a new municipal rate assessment  
4 methodology. This methodology shall be based on: (1) the balance  
5 of benefits and liabilities to the commonwealth as a whole from  
6 the existence of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority,  
7 and (2) the balance of benefits and liabilities to a community from  
8 the presence within that community of a regional rail terminal,  
9 and (3) the proximity of a municipality's population to a regional  
10 rail terminal, and (4) the number of people within a municipality  
11 who regularly use the rail service, and (5) the user rates for rail  
12 passengers; provided that no municipality which, at the time of  
13 the enactment of this statute, has a current Massachusetts Bay  
14 Transportation Authority agreement for relief from a municipal  
15 assessment shall, because of the presence within that municipality  
16 of a regional rail terminal, have its agreement abridged as a result  
17 of this act, without the approval of said municipality.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to  
2 the contrary, sufficient net parking revenues, from MBTA-owned  
3 parking facilities for regional rail terminals shall be dedicated to

4 the municipality in which said terminals are located, such that all  
 5 costs to a municipality which can reasonably be determined to be  
 6 incurred directly as a results of the presence of said terminals  
 7 shall be covered and reimbursed to said municipality.