

By Mr. Clark of Hamilton, petition of Forrester A. Clark, Jr. relative to the health insurance contributions of retired employees of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE BY 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 19J of Chapter 161A of the General Laws, as inserted  
2 by section 199 of chapter 138 of the Acts of 1991, is hereby  
3 amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph: —  
4 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to  
5 the contrary, each retiree under the age of sixty-five in a plan for  
6 group, general or blanket hospital, medical, dental or other health  
7 insurance, either by purchase of a policy or policies from one or  
8 more insurance companies, or nonprofit hospital, medical, dental  
9 or other service corporations including health maintenance organi-  
10 zations, or by means of a self-insurance plan or preferred provider  
11 arrangement plan of the authority shall contribute to the total  
12 monthly premium or rate applicable to said coverages not less  
13 than the percentage paid by authority employees; provided, how-  
14 ever, that no such retiree's health insurance contributions shall be  
15 reduced by this section.

