

By Mr. DiMasi of Boston, petition of Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to establish a consumer board for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and requiring public hearings prior to changes in transportation service. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONSUMER BOARD FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS
PRIOR TO CHANGES IN TRANSIT SERVICE.**

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. Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 7 the following section:—

3 *Section 7A.* The consumer board of the Massachusetts Bay
4 Transportation Authority shall consist of one representative from
5 each of the seventy-nine cities and towns constituting the authori-
6 ty. In the case of a plan D or E city, the city manager shall appoint
7 the representative from that city, the mayor of each other city shall
8 appoint the representative for that city. The chairperson of the
9 board of selectpersons of each town shall appoint that town's
10 representative. A representative shall have one vote on the con-
11 sumer board. The consumer board shall act by majority vote.

12 An individual appointed as a consumer board representative
13 shall own and regularly use a pass for either bus, rapid rail,
14 commuter rail, or a combination thereof. He or she shall have held
15 a pass for at least two months prior to being appointed. A repre-
16 sentative shall serve without compensation for a term of two years
17 and may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

18 The authority shall furnish the consumer board with all fare and
19 service information on a monthly basis. The consumer board shall
20 study the fare and service information at any hearing held by the

