

# SENATE . . . . No. 301

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To accompany the petition of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, by Willis B. Downey, general counsel, for legislation relative to assessing the amount which the Commonwealth may be called upon to pay said authority on account of a deficiency as of the last day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five. Metropolitan Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE METHOD OF ASSESSING THE AMOUNT WHICH THE COMMONWEALTH MAY BE CALLED UPON TO PAY THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY ON ACCOUNT OF A DEFICIENCY AS OF THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

*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. The seventh paragraph of section 13 of  
2 chapter 544 of the acts of 1947, as most recently amended  
3 by section 1 of chapter 229 of the acts of 1955, is hereby  
4 further amended by inserting after the word "fifty-four"  
5 in line 25 the words: — , or on account of a deficiency  
6 as of the last day of December, nineteen hundred and  
7 fifty-five, — so as to read as follows: — In case the com-  
8 monwealth shall be called upon to pay the authority  
9 any amount under this section on account of a deficiency  
10 existing as of the last day of December in the year nine-  
11 teen hundred and forty-nine, or as of the last day of  
12 December in any year thereafter, such amount, with  
13 interest or other charges incurred in borrowing the  
14 money for the purpose, shall be assessed upon the cities  
15 and towns constituting the authority as provided by  
16 section twenty of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws,

17 as amended, in proportion to the number of persons in  
18 said cities and towns using the service of the authority  
19 at the time of said payment, said proportion to be deter-  
20 mined and reported to the state treasurer by the trustees  
21 from computations made in their discretion for the pur-  
22 pose; provided, that any amount which the common-  
23 wealth is called upon to pay the authority on account of  
24 a deficiency as of the last day of December, nineteen  
25 hundred and forty-nine, or on account of a deficiency as  
26 of the last day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty,  
27 or on account of a deficiency as of the last day of Decem-  
28 ber, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, or on account of a  
29 deficiency as of the last day of December, nineteen hun-  
30 dred and fifty-two, or on account of a deficiency as of  
31 the last day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-  
32 three, or an account of a deficiency as of the last day of  
33 December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, or on ac-  
34 count of a deficiency as of the last day of December,  
35 nineteen hundred and fifty-five, with interest and other  
36 charges incurred in borrowing the money for the purpose,  
37 shall be assessed upon the cities and towns constituting  
38 the authority as provided by section twenty of chapter  
39 fifty-nine of the General Laws, as amended, in propor-  
40 tion to the amounts paid under the last preceding assess-  
41 ment under section fourteen of chapter one hundred and  
42 fifty-nine of the special acts of nineteen hundred and  
43 eighteen.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.