

HOUSE No. 3262

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David P. Linsky

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to financing transportation in Massachusetts and eliminating tolls.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| David P. Linsky | 5th Middlesex |
| Alice Hanlon Peisch | 14th Norfolk |
| Thomas P. Conroy | 13th Middlesex |
| Pam Richardson | 6th Middlesex |
| Tom Sannicandro | 7th Middlesex |
| Mary E. Grant | 6th Essex |
| John D. Keenan | 7th Essex |
| Denise Provost | 27th Middlesex |
| Karen E. Spilka | Second Middlesex and Norfolk |
| Byron Rushing | 9th Suffolk |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FINANCING TRANSPORTATION IN MASSACHUSETTS AND ELIMINATING TOLLS.

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 4 of Chapter 81A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the words in subparagraph (i) “over the turnpike”
3 with the words “at the border with the state of New York and at the border with the state of
4 Connecticut”.

5 SECTION 2. Section 10 of Chapter 81A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the
6 following words in subparagraph (a): “over the turnpike and the different parts or sections
7 thereof” and replacing them with: “at the border with the state of New York and at the border
8 with the state of Connecticut”.

9 SECTION 3. Section 4 sub-paragraph (j) of Chapter 81A, is hereby amended by striking out, in
10 lines 44 and 45, the words “to fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect tolls for
11 transit over the metropolitan highway system;”

12 SECTION 4. Section 10 of said Chapter is further amended in subsection (b) by striking in lines
13 36 and 37 the words "and from time to time fix and revise".

14 SECTION 5. Section 1 of Chapter 64A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
15 Edition, is hereby amended by striking in paragraph (l) the language: ““Tax per gallon”, shall be
16 21 cents per gallon”” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

17 (l) “Tax Per Gallon”, shall be fifty cents per gallon.

18 SECTION 6. Chapter 64A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is
19 hereby amended by inserting at the end the following section:-

20 Section 13A: Of the sums received from the excise imposed in section 4: eleven cents per gallon
21 shall be credited to the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority for the repayment of bonds issued for
22 the construction and maintenance of the Central Artery Project and the Third Harbor Tunnel
23 Project and for the maintenance and operation of the Metropolitan Highway System and the
24 Maurice J. Tobin Bridge, three cents per gallon shall be credited to a fund to supplement the
25 Regional Transportation Authorities, five cents per gallon shall be distributed to the cities and
26 towns to build, maintain and repair local roads in a formula pursuant to the Chapter 90 program,
27 so-called, four cents per gallon shall be distributed to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
28 Authority for the repayment of bonds issued for the construction and maintenance of the Central
29 Artery Project and the Third Harbor Tunnel Project, and twenty-seven cents per gallon shall be
30 distributed to the Massachusetts Highway Department for the purpose of the statewide road and
31 bridge program.

32 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no tolls shall be
33 collected for passage on the Massachusetts Turnpike from Exit 14 in the town of Weston
34 eastward to and including the City of Boston, for passage through the Ted Williams, Sumner or
35 Callahan Tunnels, or for passage over the Maurice J. Tobin Bridge.