

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1696**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

*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 to require restroom breaks for public transit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1696) of Marc R. Pacheco, John F. Keenan and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to restroom breaks for public transit. Transportation.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to require restroom breaks for public transit.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide bathroom breaks to transit workers, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

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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. (A) Any provider of public transit authorized under Chapter 161A or 161B  
2 of General Laws shall provide to any person operating a commercial motor vehicle for the  
3 purpose of providing public transit an appropriate rest period to utilize the nearest convenient  
4 restroom.

5 (B) "Appropriate rest period" means: A period of rest of not less than ten minutes for  
6 every segment of four hours or major part thereof worked in one work period without deduction  
7 from the employee's pay.

8 (C) Nothing in this section prohibits employers and employees from establishing  
9 appropriate rest periods different from those provided in this section pursuant to a collective  
10 bargaining agreement.