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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Representatives J. Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz,  
and Tanzi

Date Introduced: January 11, 2024

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 39-18 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Public Transit  
2 Authority" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **39-18-25. Creation of parity with MBTA commuter passes.**

4           The authority shall consult with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority on the feasibility  
5 of allowing commuter rail passes to be used on all Rhode Island public transit authority buses. The  
6 rail passes shall serve as dual Rhode Island public transit authority passes and Massachusetts Bay  
7 Transit Authority passes. The consultation shall also include proposed methods to apportion and  
8 share the costs of the passes between the two (2) authorities.

9           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would enable the Rhode Island public transit authority (RIPTA) to work with the  
2   Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) to allow commuter rail passes to be used as dual  
3   passes for both RIPTA and MBTA.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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