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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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

Introduced By: Representatives J. Lombardi, Hull, Cruz, and Stewart

Date Introduced: January 16, 2026

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 their commuter rail passes to be used on all Rhode Island public transit authority buses.
6 Both rail passes shall serve as dual Rhode Island public transit authority passes and Massachusetts
7 Bay Transit Authority passes. The consultation shall also include proposed methods to apportion
8 and 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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