

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY
(RIPTA) TO REINSTATE ITS NONSTOP EXPRESS BUS SERVICE TO SOUTH COUNTY
BEACHES**

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, and Euer

Date Introduced: May 18, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island is known as the Ocean State due to its 400 miles of stunning
2 coastline and sandy beaches, where generations of Rhode Islanders and visitors to the State have
3 enjoyed and been inspired by the crystalline waters; and

4 WHEREAS, For some, access to the State’s beaches is a car ride away, but for many
5 working-class families and children who live in urban communities, the current cost of gas as
6 well as the rising cost of living would make this journey impossible if not for RIPTA’s seasonal
7 express bus service that directly connects several of the state’s inland communities to the beach;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, For more than 20 years, the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA)
10 has offered the inner core communities of Central Falls, Cranston, North Providence, Pawtucket,
11 Providence and Woonsocket with the ability to travel to the beach for a reasonable fee and with
12 the flexibility necessary for families and the elderly; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition, in a day and age when “going green” is not only fashionable but
14 vital for our environment, and with the cost of gas hitting all-time highs, the use of buses and
15 mass transportation needs to become more, not less available; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby respectfully requests
17 the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to reinstate express bus service to South County
18 beaches; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Daniel McKee, Governor of the
- 2 State of Rhode Island, and Scott Avedisian, Chief Executive Officer of the Rhode Island Public
- 3 Transit Authority.

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