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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Representatives Lombardi, McEntee, and Hull

Date Introduced: January 06, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

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. Create 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.
6 Such rail passes shall serve as dual Rhode Island public transit authority passes and
7 Massachusetts Bay transit authority passes, if possible. Such consultation shall also include
8 proposed methods to apportion and share the costs of such 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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