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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Representatives Lombardi, Hull, Walsh, Fogarty, and Cassar

Date Introduced: January 22, 2020

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. Create parity with MBTA commuter passes.**

4           The authority shall consult with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority on the  
5 feasibility of allowing commuter rail passes to be used on all Rhode Island public transit authority  
6 buses. These rail passes shall serve as dual Rhode Island public transit authority passes and  
7 Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority passes, if possible. The consultation shall also include  
8 proposed methods to apportion 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  
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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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