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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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

Introduced By: Representatives J. Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Potter, Stewart, Voas, and  
Felix

Date Introduced: January 22, 2025

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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