

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2768**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kip A. Diggs*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to embarkation fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

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By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2768) of Kip A. Diggs relative to the imposition of embarkation fees from ferry services operated within the Hyannis Fire District. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2873 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to embarkation fees.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2004 hereby amended by the following:-

2 Section 1. Section 11 of Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2003, as amended by sections 44-47 of  
3 Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2004 is hereby further amended by adding the following section:

4 Section 11A. The Hyannis Fire District of the Town of Barnstable is hereby authorized to collect  
5 a voter approved embarkation fee from the ferry services that operate in the Hyannis Fire  
6 District. Said fee will be \$.25 per passenger per ticket sold for all passenger ferry trips in the  
7 Hyannis Fire District. Such Fire District is authorized to establish a separate fund to be known as  
8 the Embarkation Fee Fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from other revenues of the  
9 Hyannis Fire District by the Treasurer of the Hyannis Fire District. Fees collected from  
10 passengers departing and returning to the Hyannis Fire District ports shall be remitted to the

- 11 Massachusetts Commissioner of Revenue. The Commissioner shall deposit collected fees to the
- 12 Embarkation Fee Fund of the Hyannis Fire District. Funds from the Embarkation Fee Fund shall
- 13 be used for fire and public safety services provided by the Hyannis Fire District.