

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2302**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Walter F. Timilty*

*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 directing the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to install sound barriers in Quincy and Braintree.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/25/2023</i>

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2302) of Walter F. Timilty and John F. Keenan for legislation to direct the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to install sound barriers in Quincy and Braintree. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2343 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act directing the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to install sound barriers in Quincy and Braintree.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts Bay  
2   Transportation Authority is hereby directed to conduct a comprehensive sound study along the  
3   Red Line extension to Braintree, so-called, from the Neponset River Bridge to the Braintree Red  
4   Line Train Station, to determine the ambient noise level, using the background A-weighted  
5   sound pressure levels that is exceeded ninety percent of the time measured during equipment  
6   operating hours over a minimum of a twenty-four period, less the noise generated by the existing  
7   MBTA trains. Said study shall be conducted by an acoustical engineer employed by or on behalf  
8   of the MBTA. In those residential areas where the decibel level generated by the Red Line trains  
9   exceeds the ambient level by ten or more decibels, the MBTA is hereby ordered and directed to  
10   install sound barriers in order to mitigate said noise pollution problems.

11 Said barriers shall be of a design approved by an acoustical engineer hired by or  
12 employed by the Transit Authority. Said design shall then be approved by said Authority and  
13 local Board(s) of Health(s) Departments after a public hearing process.