

HOUSE No. 4492

Section 133 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2017 (see House, No. 4450), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Attachment K of House, No. 4505). July 11, 2016.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to MBTA fare increases.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for MBTA fare increases, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 61 of chapter 46 of the acts of 2013 is hereby amended by striking
2 out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

3 (d) Fares shall not be increased more than once in a 24-month period. No fare shall be
4 increased greater than 7 per cent during a 24-month period. For the purposes of this section,
5 “fare” shall mean an amount paid by a user including, but not limited to, the cost of any single-
6 ride price for a mode, the cost of a pass and any discount from the cost of a single-ride price or
7 the cost of pass, regardless of fare payment type, product or media.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 2017.