

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2279****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Mark J. Cusack****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 to require restroom breaks for public transit.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2013</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Rhonda Nyman</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	

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By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2279) of Mark J. Cusack and others for legislation to mandate restroom breaks for public transit employees. Public Service.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act to require restroom breaks for public transit.

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

1           Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is  
2 forthwith to provide bathroom breaks to transit workers, it is hereby declared to be an emergency  
3 law, necessary for immediate preservation of public health and convenience.

4           (A) Any provider of public transit authorized under Chapter 161A or 161B of General  
5 Laws shall provide to any person operating a commercial motor vehicle for the purpose of  
6 providing public transit an appropriate rest period to utilize the nearest convenient restroom.

7           (B) "Appropriate rest period" means: A period of rest of not less than ten minutes for  
8 every segment of four hours or major part thereof worked in one work period without deduction  
9 from the employee's pay.

10          (C) Nothing in this section prohibits employers and employees from establishing  
11 appropriate rest periods different from those provided in this section pursuant to a collective  
12 bargaining agreement.