

HOUSE No. 3063

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William Smitty Pignatelli

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 establishing a commuter tolling program for transit over the turnpike.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3063) of William Smitty Pignatelli and others for legislation to establish a commuter pass program for users of the Massachusetts Turnpike. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3758 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act establishing a commuter tolling program for transit over the turnpike.

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 13 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, as amended by section 13 of chapter 46 of
2 the acts of 2013, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (d) The department shall devise and implement a commuter tolling program that allows
4 non-commercial, frequent users of the turnpike, the Boston extension and the metropolitan
5 highway, and the different parts or sections thereof, who participate in the electronic toll
6 collection system to pay a discounted, annual rate for transit over the turnpike, the Boston
7 extension and the metropolitan highway, and the different parts or sections thereof.

8 Notwithstanding any provision of this section, or any other general or special law to the contrary,
9 the department shall fix and adjust the annual rate of the following commuter zones in order to

10 achieve the following commuter rates. Commuter zones with varying annual rates shall be set as
11 follows:

12 (i) zone 1, which shall encompass interchange 1, West Stockbridge through interchange 8,
13 shall cost \$50;

14 (ii) zone 2, which shall encompass interchange 8, Palmer through interchange 15, shall
15 cost \$50;

16 (iii) zone 3, which shall encompass interchange 1, West Stockbridge through interchange
17 17, Newton Corner, shall cost \$95;

18 (iv) zone 4, which shall encompass interchange 1, West Stockbridge through interchange
19 24, shall cost \$145;

20 (v) zone 5, which shall encompass route 128, Weston through interchange 24, shall cost
21 \$95;

22 (vi) zone 6, which shall encompass route 128, Weston through interchange 17, shall cost
23 \$50;

24 (vii) zone 7, which shall encompass interchange 17, Newton Corner through interchange
25 24, shall cost \$50; and

26 (viii) zone 8, which shall encompass the Sumner and Ted Williams tunnels, shall cost
27 \$50.

28 Eligibility in the program shall not be limited to vehicles that have more than 1 occupant
29 and the rate set by the department shall not vary based on the number of occupants in the vehicle.