

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1867**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anthony W. Petruccelli*

*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 the composition of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Anthony W. Petruccelli</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Mayor Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>Boston City Hall Boston, MA</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Petruccelli, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1867) of Anthony W. Petruccelli, Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Daniel J. Ryan, Daniel J. Hunt and others for legislation relative to the composition of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Transportation.

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

An Act relative to the composition of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

*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 2 of Chapter 6C of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out subsection (b) as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following subsection:-

4 (b) The department shall be governed and its corporate powers exercised by a board of  
5 directors. The board shall consist of 8 members who shall be appointed for a term of 4 years.  
6 The governor shall appoint 7 members, 3 of whom shall be experienced in the field of public or  
7 private finance and management; 1 of whom shall have experience in public policy; 1 of whom  
8 shall have experience in transportation planning and policy; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of  
9 transportation, who shall serve ex officio; and 1 of whom shall be a registered civil engineer with  
10 at least 10 years' experience. The mayor of the city of Boston shall appoint 1 member who shall  
11 have experience in transportation planning and policy. The governor shall designate 1 of the

12 members, other than the ex-officio director, to serve as chairperson of the board. Not more than  
13 5 of the directors, except the ex-officio director, shall be members of the same political party.  
14 Each director shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary  
15 expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of their duties, including reimbursement for  
16 reasonable travel; provided, however, that such reimbursement shall not exceed \$3,000 annually.  
17 Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of a member of the board shall be appointed  
18 in a like manner and shall serve for only the unexpired term of such former member. Any  
19 director shall be eligible for reappointment. Any director appointed by the governor may be  
20 removed from his appointment by the governor for cause. Any director appointed by the mayor  
21 of the city of Boston may be removed from his appointment by the mayor of the city of Boston  
22 for cause. The board shall annually elect 1 of its members to serve as vice-chairperson.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.