

SENATE No. 1876

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karen E. Spilka

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 freezing the tolls on the Massachusetts turnpike and the metropolitan highway system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Karen E. Spilka

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1876) of Karen E. Spilka for legislation to freeze the tolls on the Massachusetts turnpike and the metropolitan highway system. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1704 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act freezing the tolls on the Massachusetts turnpike and the metropolitan highway system.

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 3 sub-paragraph (18) of Chapter 6C of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 67 and 68, the
3 words "fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect tolls for transit over the
4 metropolitan highway system and the turnpike" inserting in place thereof the following: - charge
5 and collect tolls for transit over the metropolitan highway system and the turnpike; said tolls
6 shall be fixed at the rates in place on January 1, 2008.

7 SECTION 2. Section 13 of said Chapter 6C is hereby amended in subsection (a) by
8 striking in lines 1 and 2 the words "and, from time to time, fix and revise".

9 SECTION 3 Section 13 of said Chapter 6C is hereby further amended in subsection (a)
10 by striking in lines 5 through 14 the words "and adjusted as to provide, at a minimum, funds
11 sufficient with other revenues, if any, to pay: (i) costs incurred in furtherance of this chapter
12 related to the turnpike including, but not limited to, the cost of owning, maintaining, repairing,
13 reconstructing, improving, rehabilitating, policing, using, administering, controlling and
14 operating the turnpike; and (ii) the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and the interest on
15 notes or bonds relating to the turnpike as the same shall become due and payable and to create
16 and maintain reserves established for any of the department's corporate purposes."

17 SECTION 4. Section 13 of said Chapter 6C is hereby amended in subsection (b) by
18 striking in lines 37 and 38 the words "and, from time to time, fix and revise".

19 SECTION 5 Section 13 of said Chapter 6C is hereby further amended in subsection (b)
20 by striking in lines 41 through 51 the words "and adjusted as to provide, at a minimum, funds
21 sufficient with other revenues, if any, to pay: (i) costs incurred in furtherance of this chapter
22 related to the metropolitan highway system including, but not limited to, the cost of owning,
23 maintaining, repairing, reconstructing, improving, rehabilitating, policing, using, administering,
24 controlling and operating the turnpike; and (ii) the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and
25 the interest on notes or bonds relating to the metropolitan highway system as the same shall
26 become due and payable and to create and maintain reserves established for any of the
27 department's corporate purposes."