

HOUSE No. 2981

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan

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 senior citizen toll discount on the Massachusetts Turnpike, the Ted Williams Tunnel and the Tobin Bridge.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>1/10/2019</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2981) of Tackey Chan, Brian W. Murray and Michael O. Moore relative to establishing toll discounts on the Massachusetts Turnpike, Ted Williams Tunnel and the Tobin Bridge for persons sixty-five years of age or older. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3411 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act establishing senior citizen toll discount on the Massachusetts Turnpike, the Ted Williams Tunnel and the Tobin Bridge.

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. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 17C the following new section:-

3 Section 17D. There shall be a twenty five per cent reduction in tolls charged to drivers
4 age 65 and over who drives on the Massachusetts Turnpike, the Tobin Bridge and/or the Ted
5 Williams Tunnel. In order to qualify for the reduction, the driver must be age 65 and over, the
6 driver must have a valid driver’s license recognized by the Registry of Motor Vehicles as a valid
7 license to drive in Massachusetts, and the driver must own or rent the passenger vehicle. The
8 driver is only allowed to apply the reduction to one passenger vehicle, which the driver must
9 own or rent. There shall be no application fee for a driver to apply and be approved for said

10 reduction. A person's participation in the twenty five per cent toll reduction shall expire 60 days
11 after the expiration of the driver's license. Said person shall be allowed to renew participation in
12 said reduction any time after the renewal of the driver's license, including after the expiration of
13 the reduction.

14 Persons who do receive the reduction and allows an unauthorized driver to utilize said
15 reduction shall be fined \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation and \$150 for the
16 third and subsequent violations. In addition to the fine for the third violation, the driver's
17 authorization to receive a reduction shall be revoked permanently. The executive office of
18 transportation shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this section
19 within the existing toll collection system.