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HOUSE . . . . . No. 3373

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adrian C. Madaro

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 low income transit fares.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*1/20/2023*
Samantha Montaño	*15th Suffolk*	*1/25/2023*
Steven Owens	*29th Middlesex*	*1/25/2023*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Norfolk*	*1/25/2023*
Kate Donaghue	*19th Worcester*	*1/30/2023*
Jon Santiago	*9th Suffolk*	*2/13/2023*
Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*	*2/13/2023*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*2/13/2023*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*	*2/13/2023*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*2/13/2023*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*2/13/2023*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*2/15/2023*
Peter Capano	*11th Essex*	*2/15/2023*
Christopher J. Worrell	*5th Suffolk*	*2/21/2023*
Daniel Cahill	*10th Essex*	*2/21/2023*
Kate Lipper-Garabedian	*32nd Middlesex*	*2/24/2023*
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*3/6/2023*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*3/15/2023*

Russell E. Holmes	*6th Suffolk*	*3/22/2023*
Liz Miranda	*Second Suffolk*	*3/22/2023*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*3/22/2023*
Danillo A. Sena	*37th Middlesex*	*3/22/2023*
Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*3/22/2023*
Margaret R. Scarsdale	*1st Middlesex*	*4/5/2023*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*	*4/14/2023*
Christopher Hendricks	*11th Bristol*	*4/21/2023*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex*	*7/6/2023*
Patrick M. O'Connor	*First Plymouth and Norfolk*	*10/11/2023*
Judith A. Garcia	*11th Suffolk*	*12/7/2023*
Steven Ultrino	*33rd Middlesex*	*12/7/2023*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*12/7/2023*
Jessica Ann Giannino	*16th Suffolk*	*12/7/2023*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*	*5/22/2024*

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By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3373) of Adrian C. Madaro and others for legislation to authorize discounted transit fares for low income riders. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to low income transit fares.

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

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, in coordination with the secretary of health and human services, shall implement a low-income fare program that provides free or discounted transit fares to qualifying riders on all modes of transportation operated by the authority.

(b) In developing the low-income fare program, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall develop a stakeholder engagement plan and implementation analysis. The engagement plan shall ensure engagement with relevant stakeholders and provide opportunities for public input in geographically-diverse service areas of the authority. The analysis shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of: (i) the number of riders anticipated to benefit from the program; (ii) the average reductions of each fare, by mode; (iii) the overall impact on revenue to the system; (iv) partnership models for determining eligibility requirements and the verification method; and (v) estimated costs associated with the administration and marketing of

the program. The implementation analysis shall be filed with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation not later than October 15, 2023.

SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the regional transit authority council established in section 27 of chapter 161B of the General Laws, in coordination with the secretary of health and human services, may provide each regional transit authority with assistance to implement a low-income fare program that provides free or discounted transit fares to qualifying riders on all modes of transportation operated by each authority.

(b) In developing the low-income fare program, each regional transit authority shall develop a stakeholder engagement plan and an implementation analysis. The engagement plan shall ensure engagement with relevant stakeholders and provide opportunities for public input in geographically-diverse service areas of the authority. The analysis shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of: (i) the number of riders anticipated to benefit from the program; (ii) the average reduction of each fare, by mode; (iii) the overall impact on revenue to the system; (iv) partnership models for determining eligibility requirements and the verification method; (v) any estimated costs associated with the administration and marketing of the program; and (vi) consideration of a no-fare option if that would be cheaper to implement than a means-tested fare program.