

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2991**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Tommy Vitolo*

*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 certain employees of the MBTA advisory board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2025</i>

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By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2991) of Tommy Vitolo and others relative to retirement benefits for employees whose regular compensation is paid by Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Advisory Board. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2681 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to certain employees of the MBTA advisory board.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith retirement benefits to persons whose regular compensation is paid by Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority advisory board, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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. The definition of “Employee” in section 1 of chapter 32 of the General  
2           Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following  
3           sentence:- "Employee", as applied to persons whose regular compensation is paid by the advisory  
4           board to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority established in chapter 161A, shall  
5           mean any person who is engaged in duties which require that the person’s time be devoted to the  
6           service of said advisory board in each year during the ordinary working hours of regular and  
7           permanent employees .

8           SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further  
9 amended by inserting after word “system”, in line 344, the following words:- , the advisory  
10 board to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority as established in chapter 161A.

11           SECTION 3. Said section 1 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further  
12 amended by inserting after word “District”, in line 390, the following words:- , the advisory  
13 board to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority as established in chapter 161A.

14           SECTION 4. Section 2 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
15 amended by inserting after the word “Authority”, in line 16, the following words:- , the advisory  
16 board to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority as established in chapter 161A.