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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Representatives J Lombardi, Morales, and Henries

Date Introduced: January 20, 2022

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-18 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Public Transit  
2 Authority" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-18-25. Create parity with MBTA commuter passes.**

4 The authority shall consult with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority on the feasibility  
5 of allowing commuter rail passes to be used on all Rhode Island public transit authority buses.  
6 These rail passes shall serve as dual Rhode Island public transit authority passes and Massachusetts  
7 Bay Transit Authority passes. The consultation shall also include proposed methods to apportion  
8 and share the costs of the passes between the two (2) authorities.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would enable the Rhode Island public transit authority (RIPTA) to work with the  
2   Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) to allow commuter rail passes to be used as dual  
3   passes for both RIPTA and MBTA.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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