

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph F. Wagner

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to enter into agreements to enable extension of commuter rail passenger services to Nashua, New Hampshire.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Joseph F. Wagner	8th Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3674 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO
ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO ENABLE EXTENSION OF COMMUTER RAIL PASSENGER
SERVICES TO NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the
2 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority may enter into an agreement with the New Hampshire
3 Department of Transportation to extend or expand commuter rail service on the New Hampshire main
4 line, so called, in which said department agrees to provide all capital and operating costs for said service.
5 Said agreement may provide for the rehabilitation of the rail line north of the city of Lowell, the
6 provision of a layover facility in the city of Nashua, New Hampshire, and the provision of operating rights
7 over those portions of the right of way not currently owned by the authority. The commonwealth and
8 the authority shall not incur any costs associated with any provisions enabling extension or expansion of
9 commuter rail service on said line pursuant to said agreement. Within 60 days of the execution of the
10 agreement, the authority and the department shall submit a written copy to the joint committee on
11 transportation for its review.