

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

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 directing the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to install sound barriers in Quincy and Braintree.

PETITION OF:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02078 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT DIRECTING THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO
INSTALL SOUND BARRIERS IN QUINCY AND BRAINTREE.**

*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 any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts Bay
2 Transportation Authority is hereby directed to conduct a comprehensive sound study along the Red Line
3 extension to Braintree, so-called, from the Neponset River Bridge to the Braintree Red Line Train Station,
4 to determine the ambient noise level, using the background A-weighted sound pressure levels that is
5 exceeded ninety percent of the time measured during equipment operating hours over a minimum of a
6 twenty-four period, less the noise generated by the existing MBTA trains. Said study shall be conducted
7 by an acoustical engineer employed by or on behalf of the MBTA. In those residential areas where the
8 decibel level generated by the Red Line trains exceeds the ambient level by ten or more decibels, the
9 MBTA is hereby ordered and directed to install sound barriers in order to mitigate said noise pollution
10 problems.

- 11 Said barriers shall be of a design approved by an acoustical engineer hired by or employed by the Transit
- 12 Authority. Said design shall then be approved by said Authority and local Board(s) of Health(s)
- 13 Departments after a public hearing process.