

# SENATE NO. 2086

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO FREEZING THE MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE TOLLS AT CURRENT LEVELS

*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. Section 4 sub-paragraph (i) of Chapter 81A of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 44 and 45, the words "to  
3 fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect tolls for transit over the turnpike"  
4 inserting in place thereof the following: -to charge and collect tolls for transit over the turnpike;  
5 said tolls shall be fixed at the rates in place on January 1, 2003 and may be revised only when  
6 necessary to accommodate increases in the Consumer Price Index;

7 SECTION 2. Section 4 sub-paragraph (i) of Chapter 81A of the General Laws, as appearing in  
8 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 44 and 45, the words "to  
9 fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect tolls for transit over the metropolitan  
10 highway system;" and inserting in place thereof the following: -to charge and collect tolls for  
11 transit over the metropolitan highway system; said tolls shall be fixed at the rates in place on  
12 January 1, 2003 and may be revised only when necessary to accommodate increases in the  
13 Consumer Price Index;

14 SECTION 3. Section 10 of said Chapter is hereby amended in subsection (a) by striking in line  
15 2 the words "and from time to time fix and revise".

16 SECTION 4. Section 10 of said Chapter is further amended in subsection (b) by striking in lines  
17 36 and 37 the words "and from time to time fix and revise".

18 SECTION 5. Section 10 of said Chapter is further amended by adding at the end thereof the  
19 following paragraphs:-

20 "(c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the authority is hereby  
21 authorized to allocate turnpike revenues generated from the turnpike as necessary to fully fund  
22 the Boston Extension toll discount program as established by the authority's board of directors  
23 on June 28, 2002 until such time as tolls are no longer collected on Boston Extension  
24 roadways."