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Redraft Amendment 51

Rapid Transit Systems Commission

Messrs. OConnor and Lewis move to amend the bill by inserting, after Section 18, the following new section:-

SECTION 19. Notwithstanding any special or general law there shall be a special commission on Rapid Transit Systems to determine the feasibility of permitting non-exclusive access to rights-of-way to mobility network providers meeting the following criteria: (1) Privately funded construction; (2) Privately operated without government subsidies; (3) Exceed 120 passenger-miles per gallon, or equivalent energy efficiency; (4) Exceed safety performance of transportation modes already approved for use, and; (5) Gather more than 2 megawatt-hours of renewable energy per network-mile per typical day.

The commission shall include, but not be limited to, the secretary of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, the commissioner of the department of energy resources, the secretary of the department of transportation, the general manager of the Massachusetts Bay transportation authority, the chief executive officer of the Massachusetts clean energy center, 2 members of the Bay State Sunway group, 1 member of the senate, appointed by the senate president, 1 member of the senate, appointed by the senate minority leader, 1 member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, and 1 member of the house of representatives, appointed by the house minority leader.

The commission shall submit a report to the Governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the joint committee on transportation, and the department of transportation no later than December 31, 2017, setting forth the commission's findings, together with any recommendations for regulatory or legislative action with a timeline for planning, construction, implementation, economic impact, and integration of zero carbon emission transportation systems.