

HOUSE No. 3532

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark and Lindsay N. Sabadosa

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to an interstate compact for Western MA rail service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>

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By Representatives Mark of Peru and Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3532) of Paul W. Mark, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation enter into an interstate compact for certain rail service. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to an interstate compact for Western MA rail service.

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. The secretary of transportation is hereby authorized and directed to develop,
2 participate in the development of, negotiate and enter into a compact on behalf of the
3 commonwealth with the state of Connecticut or any appropriate agency or jurisdiction thereof to
4 implement the following purposes:

5 (a) It shall be the purpose of this compact, through means of joint and cooperative action
6 among the compacting states to: (i) establish permanent commuter rail service between the cities
7 of New Haven and Greenfield including stops in Holyoke, Northampton, and Springfield; (ii)
8 explore the extension of the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail Program along the
9 Knowledge Corridor through Holyoke, Northampton, and Greenfield; (iii) publicly promote
10 permanent commuter rail service along the Knowledge Corridor and undertake efforts to ensure
11 the success of permanent commuter rail service in Western Massachusetts.

12 (b) It shall be the policy of the compacting states that the activities conducted by any
13 interstate commissions created are the formation of public policies and therefore are public
14 business. Furthermore, the compacting states shall cooperate and observe their individual and
15 collective duties and responsibilities to ensure the success of any programs established. The
16 provisions of this compact shall be reasonably and liberally construed to accomplish the
17 purposes and policies of the compact.