

Research: CharlieCard is far from hack-proof

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New research by a University of Virginia graduate student shows that "smart cards" like the CharlieCard may be vulnerable to cyber thieves, who potentially could steal fares or sell counterfeits.

The incentive for theft could increase if state officials proceed with plans to allow commuters to use a CharlieCard not only to ride the T, but also to pay Mass Pike tolls and access government-run parking facilities, with funds being automatically withdrawn from their bank account.

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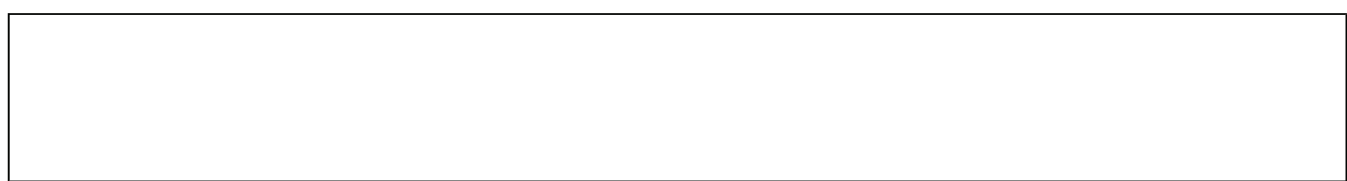
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