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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1530** Session of  
1977

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INTRODUCED BY ITKIN, GREENLEAF, SWEET, HOPKINS, WHITE, CESSAR  
AND COWELL, JULY 26, 1977

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JULY 26, 1977

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.42, No.8), entitled  
2 "An act empowering and authorizing the Department of  
3 Community Affairs to establish and administer certain grant  
4 programs for the betterment of mass transportation systems  
5 and facilities throughout the Commonwealth; providing for  
6 State grants to transportation companies, municipalities,  
7 counties, or their instrumentalities and to agencies and  
8 instrumentalities of the Commonwealth for studies, research,  
9 demonstration programs, promotion programs, purchase of  
10 service projects, and capital improvement projects under  
11 certain conditions; authorizing grants by counties or  
12 municipalities in metropolitan areas to local transportation  
13 organizations," providing for free local transit service for  
14 persons eligible for the property tax or rent rebate.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Clause (5) of section 4, act of January 22, 1968  
18 (P.L.42, No.8), known as the "Pennsylvania Urban Mass  
19 Transportation Assistance Law of 1967," added December 22, 1972  
20 (P.L.1631, No.339), is amended to read:

21 Section 4. Program Authorizations.--The department is hereby  
22 authorized, within the limitations hereinafter provided:

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24 (5) To make grants to agencies and instrumentalities of the

1 Commonwealth and to municipalities, counties, or other  
2 instrumentalities from the State Lottery Fund to pay estimated  
3 transit losses resulting from granting free service to persons  
4 [sixty-five years of age or older] eligible for a rebate under  
5 the act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the "Senior  
6 Citizens Property Tax or Rent Rebate Act," on common carrier  
7 mass transportation systems when such passage is by local public  
8 bus, trolley or subway-elevated systems during nonpeak riding  
9 hours and on holidays and weekends. The department shall  
10 promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry  
11 out the purposes of this clause.

12 In counties where there does not now exist a mass  
13 transportation authority the department shall enter into  
14 agreements with private carriers, authorized to carry passengers  
15 for hire by the Public Utilities Commission to carry out the  
16 purposes of this clause.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.