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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AS AMENDED, JUNE 2, 1987

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.42, No.8), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act empowering and authorizing the Department  
3 of Transportation 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, authorizing the creation of a transportation  
14 authority to function in each metropolitan area consisting of  
15 any county of the first class and all nearby counties within  
16 a radius of twenty miles of any such first class county, as a  
17 body corporate and politic for the purpose of establishing an  
18 integrated mass transportation system with all pertinent  
19 powers including, but not limited to, leasing, acquiring,  
20 owning, operating and maintaining a system for, or otherwise  
21 providing for, the transportation of persons, authorizing the  
22 borrowing of money and issuance of bonds therefor, conferring  
23 the right of eminent domain on the authority; altering the  
24 jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission, authorizing  
25 the acceptance of grants from Federal, State and local  
26 governments, limiting actions against the authority and  
27 exempting it from taxation, authorizing counties and  
28 municipalities to enter into compacts for the financing of  
29 each authority and to make appropriations in accordance with

1 such compacts, creating a citizen advisory committee,  
2 conferring exclusive jurisdiction upon certain courts with  
3 respect to matters relating to such authority, empowering  
4 each authority to function outside of the metropolitan area  
5 under certain terms and conditions," further providing for  
6 grants for transportation; and making an editorial change.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 ~~Section 1. The definition of "county transportation system"~~ <—  
10 ~~in section 202 of the act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.42, No.8),~~  
11 ~~known as the Pennsylvania Urban Mass Transportation Law, added~~  
12 ~~July 10, 1980 (P.L.427, No.101), is amended to read:~~

13 ~~Section 202. Definitions. The following terms, whenever~~  
14 ~~used or referred to in this article, shall have the following~~  
15 ~~meanings, except in those instances where the context clearly~~  
16 ~~indicates a different meaning:~~

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18 ~~"County transportation system" shall mean and include buses,~~  
19 ~~vans or other transit vehicles purchased, maintained and~~  
20 ~~operated by any county and used to provide free or reduced rate~~  
21 ~~transportation within the county to persons [sixty five] sixty~~  
22 ~~years of age or older.~~

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24 ~~Section 2 1. Section 203(5)(i), (ii) and (iii) of the act,~~ <—  
25 ~~OF THE ACT OF JANUARY 22, 1968 (P.L.42, NO.8), KNOWN AS THE~~ <—  
26 ~~PENNSYLVANIA URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION LAW, amended May 1, 1984~~  
27 ~~(P.L.226, No.49), are IS amended to read:~~ <—

28 Section 203. Program Authorizations.--The department is  
29 hereby authorized, within the limitations hereinafter provided  
30 and is required where the provisions of section 204 apply:

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32 (5) To make grants from the State Lottery Fund to

1 transportation companies, county transportation systems and  
2 local transportation organizations to pay estimated transit  
3 losses resulting from providing:

4 (i) Free service [or] on local common carrier mass  
5 transportation systems to persons ~~tsixty-five years~~ ~~sixty years~~ <—  
6 ~~of age~~ or older when such passage is on fixed route public  
7 transportation services during [nonpeak riding hours and on] all  
8 hours of operation, including holidays and weekends. The losses  
9 resulting from granting service on mass transportation systems  
10 shall be reimbursable at one hundred percent of such system's  
11 average or base fare, whichever is greater, multiplied by the  
12 number of trips made by senior citizens participating in such  
13 free transit program. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the  
14 department shall, with the approval of the Governor's Office of  
15 the Budget, reimburse transportation companies or local  
16 transportation organizations for all or a portion of losses  
17 resulting from senior citizen transfer trips, incurred under the  
18 conditions of this subsection. In fiscal year 1983-1984, such  
19 reimbursement shall be sixty percent of the losses incurred  
20 resulting from senior citizens transfer trips. Reimbursement for  
21 such losses in fiscal year 1984-1985 shall be at least sixty  
22 percent of such losses and, in fiscal year 1985-1986 and  
23 thereafter, reimbursement shall be one hundred percent of such  
24 losses.

25 ~~(ii) Free or reduced fare on shared ride county~~ <—  
26 ~~transportation systems for persons [sixty five] sixty years of~~  
27 ~~age or older.~~

28 ~~(A) In case of free service on such county systems, the~~  
29 ~~county shall be reimbursed at ninety percent of the cost~~  
30 ~~incurred or to be incurred in operating and maintaining such~~

1 ~~system, with the remainder of any such cost being paid by the~~  
2 ~~county.~~

3 ~~(B) In case of reduced fare services on such county systems,~~  
4 ~~the county shall be reimbursed at the same rate and under the~~  
5 ~~same conditions as provided in subparagraph (iii).~~

6 ~~(iii) Reduced fare services on local common carrier mass~~  
7 ~~transportation systems to persons [sixty five] sixty years of~~  
8 ~~age or older when such passage is on shared ride public or~~  
9 ~~contract transportation services during regular hours of~~  
10 ~~operation. On shared public transportation, losses are~~  
11 ~~reimbursable only if the elderly person pays 25¢ or ten percent~~  
12 ~~of the cost of the individual fare, whichever is greater.~~

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14 Section 3 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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