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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 13, 1991

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  
30 such compacts, creating a citizen advisory committee,  
31 conferring exclusive jurisdiction upon certain courts with  
32 respect to matters relating to such authority, empowering  
33 each authority to function outside of the metropolitan area

1 under certain terms and conditions," further providing for  
2 the shared ride and reduced fare program.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. The definition of "shared ride public  
6 transportation services" in section 202 of the act of January  
7 22, 1968 (P.L.42, No.8), known as the Pennsylvania Urban Mass  
8 Transportation Law, added July 10, 1980 (P.L.427, No.101), is  
9 amended to read:

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

14 \* \* \*

15 "Shared ride public transportation services" shall include  
16 demand responsive transportation that is available to the  
17 general public, operates on a nonfixed route basis and charges a  
18 fare to all riders. For transportation to be included in this  
19 definition the first fare paying passengers to enter the public  
20 transportation vehicle must not refuse to share the vehicle with  
21 other passengers during a given trip. Services excluded under  
22 this definition are: exclusive ride taxi service; charter and  
23 sightseeing services; nonpublic transportation; school bus or  
24 limousine services[.]; trips to and from airports. Regular hours  
25 for shared ride public transportation services shall be  
26 restricted to the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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28 Section 2. Section 203(5)(iii) of the act, amended May 1,  
29 1984 (P.L.226, No.49), is amended to read:

30 Section 203. Program Authorizations.--The department is

1 hereby authorized, within the limitations hereinafter provided  
2 and is required where the provisions of section 204 apply:

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4 (5) To make grants from the State Lottery Fund to  
5 transportation companies, county transportation systems and  
6 local transportation organizations to pay estimated transit  
7 losses resulting from providing:

8 \* \* \*

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

16 \* \* \*

17 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

18 Section 204.1. Shared Ride Program in County of the First  
19 Class.--The department shall provide for the coordination of the  
20 shared ride program operated within a county of the first class  
21 with other programs to reduce program costs.

22 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1991.