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# HOUSE BILL

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J. J. TAYLOR AND TELEK, MARCH 26, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 26, 1985

### AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 11, 1976 (P.L.14, No.10), entitled  
2 "An act authorizing development of rural and intercity common  
3 carrier surface transportation," further providing for grants  
4 for transportation; and making an editorial change.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 4(3.1) of the act of February 11, 1976  
8 (P.L.14, No.10), known as the Pennsylvania Rural and Intercity  
9 Common Carrier Surface Transportation Assistance Act, added  
10 October 17, 1980 (P.L.1083, No.183), is amended to read:

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

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14 (3.1) To make grants from the State Lottery Fund to  
15 transportation companies, county transportation systems and  
16 local transportation organizations to pay estimated transit  
17 losses resulting from providing:

18 (i) Free service [or] on local common carrier mass

1 transportation systems to persons [65] 60 years or older when  
2 such passage is on fixed route public transportation services  
3 during nonpeak riding hours and on holidays and weekends. The  
4 losses resulting from granting service on mass transportation  
5 systems shall be reimbursable at 75% of such system's average  
6 fare multiplied by the number of trips made by senior citizens  
7 participating in such free transit program. Transit systems that  
8 currently receive a program reimbursement based upon a  
9 percentage of average fare greater than 75% shall receive their  
10 current amount of senior citizen program reimbursement until  
11 such time as the amount of reimbursement for these systems  
12 equals 75% of the average fare times the number of senior  
13 citizens trips: Provided, however, That reimbursement for the  
14 fiscal year 1980-1981 shall be calculated using the average  
15 fares as of January 1, 1980.

16 (ii) Free or reduced fare on shared ride county  
17 transportation systems for persons [65] 60 years or older:

18 (A) In case of free service on such county systems, the  
19 county shall be reimbursed at 75% of the cost incurred or to be  
20 incurred in operating and maintaining such system, with the  
21 remainder of any such cost being paid by the county.

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

25 (iii) Reduced fare services on local common carrier mass  
26 transportation systems to persons [65] 60 years of age or older  
27 when such passage is on shared ride public or contract  
28 transportation services during regular hours of operation. On  
29 shared public transportation, losses are reimbursable only if  
30 the elderly person pays 25¢ or 25% of the cost of the individual

1 fare, whichever is greater.

2 (iv) In no case shall the reimbursements for each succeeding  
3 year exceed the prior year's reimbursements increased by a  
4 percentage equal to the percentage increase in granting costs  
5 for all local transportation organizations, county  
6 transportation systems and transportation companies for the most  
7 recently completed State fiscal year as compared to the fiscal  
8 year immediately preceding such year.

9 (v) The department shall promulgate such rules and  
10 regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
11 subparagraph. In accordance with section 2203-A(27) of the act  
12 of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative  
13 Code of 1929," no such regulation shall take effect until they  
14 are submitted to the Department of Aging for comment.

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