

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 17, 1984

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## 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

1 each authority to function outside of the metropolitan area  
2 under certain terms and conditions," further providing for  
3 grants for transportation.

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

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

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

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16 "County transportation system" shall mean and include buses,  
17 vans or other transit vehicles purchased, maintained and  
18 operated by any county and used to provide free or reduced rate  
19 transportation within the county to persons sixty-five years of  
20 age or older and persons ages sixty to sixty-four who are  
21 unemployed.

22 \* \* \*

23 "Unemployed" shall mean persons eligible for unemployment  
24 compensation benefits under the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd  
25 Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment  
26 Compensation Law, except that persons who were determined  
27 ineligible because of pension offset provisions of the law shall  
28 also be considered unemployed DURING THE PERIOD THEY WOULD HAVE <—  
29 RECEIVED BENEFITS.

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31 Section 2. Section 203(5)(i), (ii) and (iii) of the act,

1 added July 10, 1980 (P.L.427, No.101), are amended to read:

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

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

10 (i) Free service or local common carrier mass transportation  
11 systems to persons sixty-five years or older and persons sixty  
12 to sixty-four years who are unemployed when such passage is on  
13 fixed route public transportation services during nonpeak riding  
14 hours and on holidays and weekends. The losses resulting from  
15 granting service on mass transportation systems shall be  
16 reimbursable at seventy-five percent of such system's average  
17 fare multiplied by the number of trips made by senior citizens  
18 participating in such free transit program. Transit systems that  
19 currently receive a program reimbursement based upon a  
20 percentage of average fare greater than seventy-five percent  
21 shall receive their current amount of senior citizen program  
22 reimbursement until such time as the amount of reimbursement for  
23 these systems equals seventy-five percent of the average fare  
24 times the number of senior citizens trips: Provided, however,  
25 That reimbursement for the fiscal year 1980-1981 shall be  
26 calculated using the average fares as of January 1, 1980.

27 (ii) Free or reduced fare on shared ride county  
28 transportation systems for persons sixty-five years or older and  
29 persons sixty to sixty-four years who are unemployed:

30 (A) In case of free service on such county systems, the

1 county shall be reimbursed at seventy-five percent of the cost  
2 incurred or to be incurred in operating and maintaining such  
3 system, with the remainder of any such cost being paid by the  
4 county.

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

8 (iii) Reduced fare services on local common carrier mass  
9 transportation systems to persons sixty-five years of age or  
10 older and persons sixty to sixty-four years who are unemployed  
11 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 twenty-five percent of the cost  
15 of the individual fare, whichever is greater.

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17 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.