

## 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, JUNE 2, 1987

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## 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

1 losses resulting from providing:

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

3 transportation systems to persons ~~{65 years}~~ ~~60 years of age~~ or <—

4 older when such passage is on fixed route public transportation

5 services during [nonpeak riding hours and on] all hours of

6 operation, including holidays and weekends. The losses resulting

7 from granting service on mass transportation systems shall be

8 reimbursable at 75% of such system's average fare multiplied by

9 the number of trips made by senior citizens participating in

10 such free transit program. Transit systems that currently

11 receive a program reimbursement based upon a percentage of

12 average fare greater than 75% shall receive their current amount

13 of senior citizen program reimbursement until such time as the

14 amount of reimbursement for these systems equals 75% of the

15 average fare times the number of senior citizens trips:

16 Provided, however, That reimbursement for the fiscal year 1980-

17 1981 shall be calculated using the average fares as of January

18 1, 1980.

19 (ii) Free or reduced fare on shared ride county

20 transportation systems for persons ~~{65 years}~~ ~~60 years of age~~ or <—

21 older:

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

23 county shall be reimbursed at 75% of the cost incurred or to be

24 incurred in operating and maintaining such system, with the

25 remainder of any such cost being paid by the county.

26 (B) In case of reduced fare services on such county systems,

27 the county shall be reimbursed at the same rate and under the

28 same conditions as provided in subparagraph (iii).

29 (iii) Reduced fare services on local common carrier mass

30 transportation systems to persons ~~{65}~~ ~~60~~ years of age or older <—

1 when such passage is on shared ride public or contract  
2 transportation services during regular hours of operation. On  
3 shared public transportation, losses are reimbursable only if  
4 the elderly person pays 25¢ or 25% of the cost of the individual  
5 fare, whichever is greater.

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

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

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