

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MAY 15, 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:

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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 available only between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. except
27 where such hours would prohibit transportation services for
28 emergency medical care or treatment.

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30 Section 2. Section 203(5)(iii) of the act, amended May 1,

1 1984 (P.L.226, No.49), is 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:

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

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19 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1991.