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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1600

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1600 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Downstate Public Transportation Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 2-15.2 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 740/2-15.2)

7 Sec. 2-15.2. Free and reduced services; eligibility.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
9 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
10 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is  
11 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services  
12 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts  
13 of, every participant, as defined in Section 2-2.02 (1)(a),  
14 shall be provided without charge to all senior citizen  
15 residents of the participant aged 65 and older, under such  
16 conditions as shall be prescribed by the participant.

1 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
2 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
3 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
4 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase  
5 of service contracts of, every participant, as defined in  
6 Section 2-2.02 (1)(a), shall be provided without charge to  
7 senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet the income  
8 eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section  
9 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property  
10 Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by  
11 the participant. The Department on Aging shall furnish all  
12 information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,  
13 including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for  
14 services without charge under this Section. Nothing in this  
15 Section shall relieve the participant from providing reduced  
16 fares as may be required by federal law.

17 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
18 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
19 the 100th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
20 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase  
21 of service contracts of, a participant shall be provided (i)  
22 without charge to a veteran that has a combined disability  
23 rating of more than 70% as certified by the U.S. Department of  
24 Veterans Affairs, and (ii) at a 50% reduced fare for a veteran  
25 who has a combined disability rating of 30% to 70% as certified  
26 by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, under conditions

1 prescribed by each participant.

2 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

3 Section 10. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is  
4 amended by changing Section 51 as follows:

5 (70 ILCS 3605/51)

6 Sec. 51. Free and reduced services; eligibility.

7 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
8 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
9 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is  
10 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services  
11 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts  
12 of, the Board shall be provided without charge to all senior  
13 citizens of the Metropolitan Region (as such term is defined in  
14 70 ILCS 3615/1.03) aged 65 and older, under such conditions as  
15 shall be prescribed by the Board.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
17 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
18 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
19 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase  
20 of service contracts of, the Board shall be provided without  
21 charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet the income  
22 eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section  
23 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property  
24 Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by

1 the Board. The Department on Aging shall furnish all  
2 information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,  
3 including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for  
4 services without charge under this Section. Nothing in this  
5 Section shall relieve the Board from providing reduced fares as  
6 may be required by federal law.

7 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
8 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
9 the 100th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
10 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase  
11 of service contracts of, the Board shall be provided (i)  
12 without charge to a veteran that has a combined disability  
13 rating of more than 70% as certified by the U.S. Department of  
14 Veterans Affairs, and (ii) at a 50% reduced fare for a veteran  
15 who has a combined disability rating of 30% to 70% as certified  
16 by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, under conditions  
17 prescribed by the Board.

18 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

19 Section 15. The Local Mass Transit District Act is amended  
20 by changing Section 8.6 as follows:

21 (70 ILCS 3610/8.6)

22 Sec. 8.6. Free and reduced services; eligibility.

23 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
24 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of

1 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is  
2 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services  
3 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts  
4 of, every District shall be provided without charge to all  
5 senior citizens of the District aged 65 and older, under such  
6 conditions as shall be prescribed by the District.

7 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
8 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
9 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
10 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase  
11 of service contracts of, every District shall be provided  
12 without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet  
13 the income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5)  
14 of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with  
15 Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as  
16 shall be prescribed by the District. The Department on Aging  
17 shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to  
18 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals  
19 who are eligible for services without charge under this  
20 Section. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the District  
21 from providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

22 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
23 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
24 the 100th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
25 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase  
26 of service contracts of, every District shall be provided (i)

1 without charge to a veteran that has a combined disability  
2 rating of more than 70% as certified by the U.S. Department of  
3 Veterans Affairs, and (ii) at a 50% reduced fare for a veteran  
4 who has a combined disability rating of 30% to 70% as certified  
5 by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, under conditions  
6 prescribed by each District.

7 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

8 Section 20. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is  
9 amended by changing Sections 3A.15 and 3B.14 as follows:

10 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.15)

11 Sec. 3A.15. Free and reduced services; eligibility.

12 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
13 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
14 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is  
15 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services  
16 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts  
17 of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be provided without charge to  
18 all senior citizens of the Metropolitan Region aged 65 and  
19 older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the  
20 Suburban Bus Board.

21 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
22 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
23 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
24 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase

1 of service contracts of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be  
2 provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older  
3 who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in  
4 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and  
5 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such  
6 conditions as shall be prescribed by the Suburban Bus Board.  
7 The Department on Aging shall furnish all information  
8 reasonably necessary to determine eligibility, including  
9 updated lists of individuals who are eligible for services  
10 without charge under this Section. Nothing in this Section  
11 shall relieve the Suburban Bus Board from providing reduced  
12 fares as may be required by federal law.

13 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
14 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
15 the 100th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
16 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase  
17 of service contracts of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be  
18 provided (i) without charge to a veteran that has a combined  
19 disability rating of more than 70% as certified by the U.S.  
20 Department of Veterans Affairs, and (ii) at a 50% reduced fare  
21 for a veteran who has a combined disability rating of 30% to  
22 70% as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,  
23 under conditions prescribed by the Suburban Bus Board.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

1           Sec. 3B.14. Free and reduced services; eligibility.

2           (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
3 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
4 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is  
5 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services  
6 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts  
7 of, the Commuter Rail Board shall be provided without charge to  
8 all senior citizens of the Metropolitan Region aged 65 and  
9 older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the  
10 Commuter Rail Board.

11           (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
12 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
13 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
14 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase  
15 of service contracts of, the Commuter Rail Board shall be  
16 provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older  
17 who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in  
18 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and  
19 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such  
20 conditions as shall be prescribed by the Commuter Rail Board.  
21 The Department on Aging shall furnish all information  
22 reasonably necessary to determine eligibility, including  
23 updated lists of individuals who are eligible for services  
24 without charge under this Section. Nothing in this Section  
25 shall relieve the Commuter Rail Board from providing reduced  
26 fares as may be required by federal law.



1       (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
2 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
3 the 100th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
4 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase  
5 of service contracts of, the Commuter Rail Board shall be  
6 provided (i) without charge to a veteran that has a combined  
7 disability rating of more than 70% as certified by the U.S.  
8 Department of Veterans Affairs, and (ii) at a 50% reduced fare  
9 for a veteran who has a combined disability rating of 30% to  
10 70% as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,  
11 under conditions prescribed by the Commuter Rail Board.

12       (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

13       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.".