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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1892

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1892 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 51 and 52 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3605/51)

7 Sec. 51. Free 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, the Board shall be provided without charge to all senior
14 citizens of the Metropolitan Region (as such term is defined
15 in 70 ILCS 3615/1.03) aged 65 and older, under such conditions
16 as shall be prescribed by the Board.

1 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
2 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act
3 of the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
4 transportation services provided by, or under grant or
5 purchase of service contracts of, the Board shall be provided
6 without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet
7 the income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection
8 (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with
9 Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as
10 shall be prescribed by the Board. The Department on Aging
11 shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to
12 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals
13 who are eligible for services without charge under this
14 Section. After an initial eligibility determination is made,
15 an individual's eligibility for free services shall
16 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the
17 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued
18 identification card validating Illinois residency. Nothing in
19 this Section shall relieve the Board from providing reduced
20 fares as may be required by federal law.

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

22 (70 ILCS 3605/52)

23 Sec. 52. Transit services for individuals with
24 disabilities. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no
25 later than 60 days following the effective date of this

1 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, all fixed route
2 public transportation services provided by, or under grant or
3 purchase of service contract of, the Board shall be provided
4 without charge to all persons with disabilities who meet the
5 income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of
6 Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities
7 Property Tax Relief Act, under such procedures as shall be
8 prescribed by the Board. The Department on Aging shall furnish
9 all information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,
10 including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for
11 services without charge under this Section. After an initial
12 eligibility determination is made, an individual's eligibility
13 for free services shall automatically renew every 5 years
14 after receipt by the Authority of a copy of the individual's
15 government-issued identification card validating Illinois
16 residency. Individuals who have not submitted an Illinois
17 Persons with a Disability Identification Card to the Authority
18 shall also submit a document verifying the individual's
19 disability.

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

21 Section 10. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is
22 amended by changing Sections 3A.15, 3A.16, 3B.14, and 3B.15 as
23 follows:

24 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.15)

1 Sec. 3A.15. Free 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 Suburban Bus 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 Suburban Bus Board.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
12 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act
13 of the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
14 transportation services provided by, or under grant or
15 purchase of service contracts of, the Suburban Bus Board shall
16 be provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and
17 older 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 Suburban Bus 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. After an initial
25 eligibility determination is made, an individual's eligibility
26 for free services shall automatically renew every 5 years

1 after receipt by the Authority of a copy of the individual's
2 government-issued identification card validating Illinois
3 residency. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the Suburban
4 Bus Board from providing reduced fares as may be required by
5 federal law.

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

7 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.16)

8 Sec. 3A.16. Transit services for individuals with
9 disabilities. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no
10 later than 60 days following the effective date of this
11 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, all fixed route
12 public transportation services provided by, or under grant or
13 purchase of service contract of, the Suburban Bus Board shall
14 be provided without charge to all persons with disabilities
15 who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in
16 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and
17 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such
18 procedures as shall be prescribed by the Board. The Department
19 on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to
20 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals
21 who are eligible for services without charge under this
22 Section. After an initial eligibility determination is made,
23 an individual's eligibility for free services shall
24 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the
25 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued

1 identification card validating Illinois residency. Individuals
2 who have not submitted an Illinois Persons with a Disability
3 Identification Card to the Authority shall also submit a
4 document verifying the individual's disability.

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

6 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.14)

7 Sec. 3B.14. Free 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, the Commuter Rail Board shall be provided without charge
14 to all senior citizens of the Metropolitan Region aged 65 and
15 older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the
16 Commuter Rail Board.

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

1 conditions as shall be prescribed by the Commuter Rail Board.
2 The Department on Aging shall furnish all information
3 reasonably necessary to determine eligibility, including
4 updated lists of individuals who are eligible for services
5 without charge under this Section. After an initial
6 eligibility determination is made, an individual's eligibility
7 for free services shall automatically renew every 5 years
8 after receipt by the Authority of a copy of the individual's
9 government-issued identification card validating Illinois
10 residency. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the Commuter
11 Rail Board from providing reduced fares as may be required by
12 federal law.

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

14 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.15)

15 Sec. 3B.15. Transit services for individuals with
16 disabilities. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no
17 later than 60 days following the effective date of this
18 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, all fixed route
19 public transportation services provided by, or under grant or
20 purchase of service contract of, the Commuter Rail Board shall
21 be provided without charge to all persons with disabilities
22 who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in
23 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and
24 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such
25 procedures as shall be prescribed by the Board. The Department

1 on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to
2 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals
3 who are eligible for services without charge under this
4 Section. After an initial eligibility determination is made,
5 an individual's eligibility for free services shall
6 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the
7 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued
8 identification card validating Illinois residency. Individuals
9 who have not submitted an Illinois Persons with a Disability
10 Identification Card to the Authority shall also submit a
11 document verifying the individual's disability.

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