

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

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 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.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
18 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
19 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
20 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase  
21 of service contracts of, every participant, as defined in  
22 Section 2-2.02 (1)(a), shall be provided without charge to  
23 senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet the income

1 eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section  
2 4 of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax  
3 Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under such  
4 conditions as shall be prescribed by the participant. The  
5 Department on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably  
6 necessary to determine eligibility, including updated lists of  
7 individuals who are eligible for services without charge under  
8 this Section. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the  
9 participant from providing reduced fares as may be required by  
10 federal law.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

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

14 (70 ILCS 3605/51)

15 Sec. 51. Free services; eligibility.

16 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
17 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
18 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is  
19 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services  
20 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts  
21 of, the Board shall be provided without charge to all senior  
22 citizens of the Metropolitan Region (as such term is defined in  
23 70 ILCS 3615/1.03) aged 65 and older, under such conditions as  
24 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 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, the Board shall be provided without  
6 charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet the income  
7 eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section  
8 4 of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax  
9 Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under such  
10 conditions as shall be prescribed by the Board. The Department  
11 on Aging 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. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the Board from  
15 providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

16       (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

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

19       (70 ILCS 3610/8.6)

20       Sec. 8.6. Free services; eligibility.

21       (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
22 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
23 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is  
24 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services

1 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts  
2 of, every District shall be provided without charge to all  
3 senior citizens of the District aged 65 and older, under such  
4 conditions as shall be prescribed by the District.

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

21 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

22 Section 20. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is  
23 amended by changing Sections 3A.15 and 3B.14 as 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 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 Suburban Bus 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          Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical  
20          Assistance Act, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by  
21          the Suburban Bus Board. The Department on Aging shall furnish  
22          all information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,  
23          including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for  
24          services without charge under this Section. Nothing in this  
25          Section shall relieve the Suburban Bus Board from providing  
26          reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

1 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

2 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.14)

3 Sec. 3B.14. Free services; eligibility.

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

13 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
14 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
15 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
16 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase  
17 of service contracts of, the Commuter Rail Board shall be  
18 provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older  
19 who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in  
20 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and  
21 Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical  
22 Assistance Act, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by  
23 the Commuter Rail Board. The Department on Aging shall furnish  
24 all information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,  
25 including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for

1 services without charge under this Section. Nothing in this  
2 Section shall relieve the Commuter Rail Board from providing  
3 reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

4 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6 becoming law.