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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 585

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 585 by replacing

3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is

5 amended by changing Section 2.01d as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3615/2.01d)

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Sec. 2.01d. ADA Paratransit Fund. The Authority shall establish an ADA Paratransit Fund and, each year, deposit into that Fund the amounts directed by Section 4.03.3 of this Act, any funds deposited in accordance with this Section necessary to fully fund ADA paratransit services, and any funds received from the State pursuant to appropriations for the purpose of funding ADA paratransit services. In 2012 and each year thereafter, notwithstanding anything in this Act to the contrary, the Authority shall deposit into the ADA Paratransit

Fund no less than 105% of the actual funding expended on ADA

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paratransit services in the prior year. Beginning in 2011, by September 15th of each year, the Executive Director shall provide to the Board a written determination of the projected annual costs for the current calendar year of ADA paratransit services that are required to be provided pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations to determine if the amount of funding available for that year in the ADA Paratransit Fund is sufficient to cover the estimated cost of ADA paratransit services for that year. If the Authority determines that the funding available for ADA paratransit services from the ADA Paratransit Fund is insufficient to meet the operating deficit for ADA paratransit services for the current calendar year, then the Authority shall deposit from the Authority's discretionary funds an amount equal to the projected shortfall into the ADA Paratransit Fund. The amounts on deposit in the Fund and interest and other earnings on those amounts shall be used by the Authority to make grants to the Suburban Bus Board for ADA paratransit services provided pursuant to plans approved by the Authority under Section 2.30 of this Act. Funds received by the Suburban Bus Board from the Authority's ADA Paratransit Fund shall be used only to provide ADA paratransit services to individuals who are determined to be eliqible for such services by the Authority under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations. Revenues from and costs of services provided by the Suburban Bus Board with grants made

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under this Section shall be included in the Annual Budget and

- Two-Year Financial Program of the Suburban Bus Board and shall be subject to all budgetary and financial requirements under this Act that apply to ADA paratransit services. Beginning in 2008, the Executive Director shall, no later than August 15 of each year, provide to the Board a written determination of the
- 7 projected annual costs of ADA paratransit services that are
- 8 required to be provided pursuant to the Americans with
- 9 Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations. The
- 10 Authority shall conduct triennial financial, compliance, and
- 11 performance audits of ADA paratransit services to assist in
- 12 this determination.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)
- 14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 15 becoming law.".