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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3597

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3597 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 30 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3605/30) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 330)

7 Sec. 30. The Board shall make all rules and regulations  
8 governing the operation of the transportation system, shall  
9 determine all routings and change the same whenever it is  
10 deemed advisable by the Board, subject to the provisions of any  
11 ordinance granting rights to the Authority. Except as provided  
12 in Sections 2.04 and Section 4.11(b)(5) of the "Regional  
13 Transportation Authority Act", the Board shall fix rates, fares  
14 and charges for transportation, provided that they shall be at  
15 all times sufficient in the aggregate to provide revenues (a)  
16 for the payment of the interest on and principal of all bonds,

1 certificates and other obligations payable from said revenues  
2 and to meet all other charges upon such revenues as provided by  
3 any trust agreement executed by the Authority in connection  
4 with the issuance of bonds or certificates under this Act, (b)  
5 for the payment of all operating costs including all charges  
6 which may be incurred pursuant to Sections 29 and 39 of this  
7 Act and all other costs and charges incidental to the operation  
8 of the transportation system, (c) for the payment of all costs  
9 and charges incurred pursuant to Sections 37 and 38 of this Act  
10 and any other costs and charges for acquisition, installation,  
11 construction or for replacement or reconstruction of  
12 equipment, structures or rights of way not financed through  
13 issuance of bonds or certificates under Section 12 of this Act,  
14 and (d) for any compensation required to be paid to any  
15 municipality for the use of streets, subways and other public  
16 ways. The Board may provide free transportation within any  
17 municipality in and by which they are employed for firemen and  
18 public health nurses, when in uniform, and policemen when in  
19 uniform or, when not in uniform, upon presentation of  
20 identification as policemen, and shall provide free  
21 transportation to sworn law enforcement personnel of the Cook  
22 County Sheriff's Department when in uniform or, when not in  
23 uniform, upon presentation of identification as sworn law  
24 enforcement personnel of the Cook County Sheriff's Department,  
25 and may provide free transportation for employees of the  
26 Authority when in uniform or upon presentation of

1 identification as such employees, and may enter into agreements  
2 with the United States Post Office Department for the  
3 transportation of mail, and the payment of compensation to the  
4 Authority in lieu of fares for the transportation of letter  
5 carriers, when in uniform at all times.

6 The Board may also provide free transportation, or  
7 transportation at reduced fares, to all or designated classes  
8 of pupils in attendance at public schools of school districts  
9 within or partly within the territorial limits of the  
10 Authority, or in attendance at private schools offering grades  
11 of instruction comparable to those offered in public schools,  
12 under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the Board, and,  
13 if otherwise authorized by law, the Board may contract with  
14 public school boards and representatives of private schools,  
15 for reimbursement of pupil transportation costs from public  
16 funds.

17 (Source: P.A. 83-886.)

18 Section 10. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is  
19 amended by changing Section 2.04 and adding Sections 2.35,  
20 2.37, 3B.20, and 3B.25 as follows:

21 (70 ILCS 3615/2.04) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 702.04)

22 Sec. 2.04. Fares and Nature of Service.

23 (a) Whenever a Service Board provides any public  
24 transportation by operating public transportation facilities,

1 the Service Board shall provide for the level and nature of  
2 fares or charges to be made for such services, and the nature  
3 and standards of public transportation to be so provided that  
4 meet the goals and objectives adopted by the Authority in the  
5 Strategic Plan. Provided, however that if the Board adopts a  
6 budget and financial plan for a Service Board in accordance  
7 with the provisions in Section 4.11(b)(5), the Board may  
8 consistent with the terms of any purchase of service contract  
9 provide for the level and nature of fares to be made for such  
10 services under the jurisdiction of that Service Board, and the  
11 nature and standards of public transportation to be so  
12 provided.

13 (b) Whenever a Service Board provides any public  
14 transportation pursuant to grants made after June 30, 1975, to  
15 transportation agencies for operating expenses (other than  
16 with regard to experimental programs) or pursuant to any  
17 purchase of service agreement, the purchase of service  
18 agreement or grant contract shall provide for the level and  
19 nature of fares or charges to be made for such services, and  
20 the nature and standards of public transportation to be so  
21 provided. A Service Board shall require all transportation  
22 agencies with which it contracts, or from which it purchases  
23 transportation services or to which it makes grants to provide  
24 half fare transportation for their student riders if any of  
25 such agencies provide for half fare transportation to their  
26 student riders.

1           (c) In so providing for the fares or charges and the nature  
2 and standards of public transportation, any purchase of service  
3 agreements or grant contracts shall provide, among other  
4 matters, for the terms or cost of transfers or interconnections  
5 between different modes of transportation and different public  
6 transportation agencies, schedules or routes of such service,  
7 changes which may be made in such service, the nature and  
8 condition of the facilities used in providing service, the  
9 manner of collection and disposition of fares or charges, the  
10 records and reports to be kept and made concerning such  
11 service, for interchangeable tickets or other coordinated or  
12 uniform methods of collection of charges, and shall further  
13 require that the transportation agency comply with any  
14 determination made by the Board of the Authority under and  
15 subject to the provisions of Section 2.12b of this Act. In  
16 regard to any such service, the Authority and the Service  
17 Boards shall give attention to and may undertake programs to  
18 promote use of public transportation and to provide coordinated  
19 ticket sales and passenger information. In the case of a grant  
20 to a transportation agency which remains subject to Illinois  
21 Commerce Commission supervision and regulation, the Service  
22 Boards shall exercise the powers set forth in this Section in a  
23 manner consistent with such supervision and regulation by the  
24 Illinois Commerce Commission.

25           (d) By January 1, 2013, the Authority, in consultation with  
26 the Service Boards and the general public, must develop a

1 policy regarding transfer fares on all fixed-route public  
2 transportation services provided by the Service Boards. The  
3 policy shall also set forth the fare sharing agreements between  
4 the Service Boards that apply to interagency fare passes and  
5 tickets. The policy established by the Authority shall be  
6 submitted to each of the Service Boards for its approval or  
7 comments and objection. After receiving the policy, the Service  
8 Boards have 90 days to approve or take other action regarding  
9 the policy. If all of the Service Boards agree to the policy,  
10 then a regional agreement shall be created and signed by each  
11 of the Service Boards. The terms of the agreement may be  
12 changed upon petition by any of the Service Boards and by  
13 agreement of the other Service Boards.

14 (e) By January 1, 2015, the Authority must develop and  
15 implement a regional fare payment system. The regional fare  
16 payment system must use and conform with established  
17 information security industry standards and requirements of  
18 the financial industry. The system must allow consumers to use  
19 contactless credit cards, debit cards, and prepaid cards to pay  
20 for all fixed-route public transportation services. Beginning  
21 in 2012 and each year thereafter until 2015, the Authority must  
22 submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly  
23 describing the progress of the Authority and each of the  
24 Service Boards in implementing the regional fare payment  
25 system. The Authority must adopt rules to implement the  
26 requirements set forth in this Section.

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

2 (70 ILCS 3615/2.35 new)

3 Sec. 2.35. Vehicle arrival information. By July 1, 2012,  
4 all Service Boards must make available web-based, real-time  
5 vehicle arrival information for use by riders for all  
6 fixed-route public transportation services. The Authority  
7 shall have access to all universally acceptable data feeds for  
8 vehicle arrival information.

9 (70 ILCS 3615/2.37 new)

10 Sec. 2.37. Wireless Internet study. By January 1, 2012, the  
11 Authority must prepare and submit a report to the Governor and  
12 General Assembly regarding the feasibility of providing  
13 wireless Internet services on all fixed-route public  
14 transportation services.

15 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.20 new)

16 Sec. 3B.20. Wireless Internet. The Commuter Rail Board must  
17 provide wireless Internet service on all passenger trains it  
18 owns or operates by January 1, 2012, but only if the service  
19 can be provided with no cost to the Commuter Rail Division.

20 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.25 new)

21 Sec. 3B.25. Automated external defibrillators. The  
22 Commuter Rail Board must conduct a study concerning the

1 installation and use of automated external defibrillators on  
2 passenger trains operated by the Commuter Rail Board. No later  
3 than one year after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
4 of the 97th General Assembly, the Commuter Rail Board must  
5 report to the Governor and the General Assembly the results of  
6 the study. For the purposes of this Section, "automated  
7 external defibrillator" has the meaning ascribed to that term  
8 in Section 10 of the Automated External Defibrillator Act.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
10 becoming law."