

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by
5 adding Section 4.15 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/4.15 new)

7 Sec. 4.15. Eligibility determinations.

8 (a) The Department is authorized to make eligibility
9 determinations for benefits administered by other governmental
10 bodies based on the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons
11 Property Tax Relief Act as follows:

12 (i) for the Secretary of State with respect to reduced
13 fees paid by qualified vehicle owners under the Illinois
14 Vehicle Code;

15 (ii) for special districts that offer free fixed route
16 public transportation services for qualified older adults
17 under the Local Mass Transit District Act, the Metropolitan
18 Transit Authority Act, and the Regional Transportation
19 Authority Act; and

20 (iii) for special districts that offer transit
21 services for qualified individuals with disabilities under
22 the Local Mass Transit District Act, the Metropolitan
23 Transit Authority Act, and the Regional Transportation

1 Authority Act.

2 (b) The Department shall establish the manner by which
3 claimants shall apply for these benefits. The Department is
4 authorized to promulgate rules regarding the following
5 matters: the application cycle; the application process; the
6 content for an electronic application; required personal
7 identification information; acceptable proof of eligibility as
8 to age, disability status, marital status, residency, and
9 household income limits; household composition; calculating
10 income; use of social security numbers; duration of eligibility
11 determinations; and any other matters necessary for such
12 administrative operations.

13 (c) All information received by the Department from an
14 application or from any investigation to determine eligibility
15 for benefits shall be confidential, except for official
16 purposes.

17 (d) A person may not under any circumstances charge a fee
18 to a claimant for assistance in completing an application form
19 for these benefits.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.