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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3778

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3778, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Downstate Public Transportation Act is
6 amended by changing Section 2-15.2 as follows:

7 (30 ILCS 740/2-15.2)

8 Sec. 2-15.2. Free services; eligibility.

9 (a) (Blank). ~~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, any fixed route~~
12 ~~public transportation services provided by, or under grant or~~
13 ~~purchase of service contracts of, every participant, as defined~~
14 ~~in Section 2-2.02 (1)(a), shall be provided without charge to~~
15 ~~all senior citizen residents of the participant aged 65 and~~
16 ~~older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the~~

1 ~~participant.~~

2 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on or after
3 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
4 Assembly, any fixed route public transportation services
5 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
6 of, every participant, as defined in Section 2-2.02 (1)(a),
7 shall be provided without charge to any person aged 65 or older
8 who meets the income eligibility limitation set forth in
9 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and
10 Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical
11 Assistance Act, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by
12 the participant. The Department on Aging shall furnish all
13 information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,
14 including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for
15 services without charge under this Section.

16 (c) In addition, any fixed route public transportation
17 services shall also be provided free of charge to any person
18 aged 65 or older who possesses a valid fare card or other form
19 of verification issued by the participant that authorizes the
20 person to receive free services on or before the effective date
21 of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly. If a
22 person meets the requirements of this subsection, then the
23 person may continue to receive free services until the
24 expiration date on the fare card or other form of verification.
25 If a person meets the requirements of this subsection but the
26 valid fare card or other form of verification does not have an

1 expiration date, then the person may continue to receive free
2 services for 4 years after the effective date of this
3 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly. This subsection
4 applies to persons aged 65 or older who do not qualify under
5 subsection (b).

6 (d) Nothing in this Section shall relieve the participant
7 from providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

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

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

11 (70 ILCS 3605/51)

12 Sec. 51. Free services; eligibility.

13 (a) (Blank). Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no
14 later than 60 days following the effective date of this
15 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, any fixed route
16 public transportation services provided by, or under grant or
17 purchase of service contracts of, the Board shall be provided
18 without charge to all senior citizens of the Metropolitan
19 Region (as such term is defined in 70 ILCS 3615/1.03) aged 65
20 and older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the
21 Board.

22 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on or after
23 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
24 Assembly, any fixed route public transportation services

1 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
2 of, the Board shall be provided without charge to any person
3 aged 65 or older who meets the income eligibility limitation
4 set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior
5 Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and
6 Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under such conditions as shall
7 be prescribed by the Board. The Department on Aging shall
8 furnish all information reasonably necessary to determine
9 eligibility, including updated lists of individuals who are
10 eligible for services without charge under this Section.

11 (c) In addition, any fixed route public transportation
12 services shall also be provided free of charge to any person
13 aged 65 or older who possesses a valid fare card or other form
14 of verification issued by the Board in conjunction with the
15 Regional Transportation Authority that authorizes the person
16 to receive free services on or before the effective date of
17 this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly. If a person
18 meets the requirements of this subsection, then the person may
19 continue to receive free services until the expiration date on
20 the fare card or other form of verification. If a person meets
21 the requirements of this subsection but the valid fare card or
22 other form of verification does not have an expiration date,
23 then the person may continue to receive free services for 4
24 years after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
25 96th General Assembly. This subsection applies to persons aged
26 65 or older who do not qualify under subsection (b).

1 (d) Nothing in this Section shall relieve the Board from
2 providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

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

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

6 (70 ILCS 3610/8.6)

7 Sec. 8.6. Free services; eligibility.

8 (a) (Blank). ~~Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no~~
9 ~~later than 60 days following the effective date of this~~
10 ~~amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, any fixed route~~
11 ~~public transportation services provided by, or under grant or~~
12 ~~purchase of service contracts of, every District shall be~~
13 ~~provided without charge to all senior citizens of the District~~
14 ~~aged 65 and older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed~~
15 ~~by the District.~~

16 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on or after
17 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
18 Assembly, any fixed route public transportation services
19 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
20 of, every District shall be provided without charge to any
21 person aged 65 or older who meets the income eligibility
22 limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the
23 Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and
24 Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under such conditions as shall

1 be prescribed by the District. The Department on Aging shall
2 furnish all information reasonably necessary to determine
3 eligibility, including updated lists of individuals who are
4 eligible for services without charge under this Section.

5 (c) In addition, any fixed route public transportation
6 services shall also be provided free of charge to any person
7 aged 65 or older who possesses a valid fare card or other form
8 of verification issued by any District that authorizes the
9 person to receive free services on or before the effective date
10 of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly. If a
11 person meets the requirements of this subsection, then the
12 person may continue to receive free services until the
13 expiration date on the fare card or other form of verification.
14 If a person meets the requirements of this subsection but the
15 valid fare card or other form of verification does not have an
16 expiration date, then the person may continue to receive free
17 services for 4 years after the effective date of this
18 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly. This subsection
19 applies to persons aged 65 or older who do not qualify under
20 subsection (b).

21 (d) Nothing in this Section shall relieve any District from
22 providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

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

24 Section 20. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is
25 amended by changing Sections 3A.15 and 3B.14 as follows:

1 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.15)

2 Sec. 3A.15. Free services; eligibility.

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

11 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on or after
12 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
13 Assembly, any fixed route public transportation services
14 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
15 of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be provided without charge to
16 any person aged 65 or older who meets the income eligibility
17 limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the
18 Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and
19 Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under such conditions as shall
20 be prescribed by the Suburban Bus Board. The Department on
21 Aging shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to
22 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals
23 who are eligible for services without charge under this
24 Section.

25 (c) In addition, any fixed route public transportation

1 services shall also be provided free of charge to any person
2 aged 65 or older who possesses a valid fare card or other form
3 of verification issued by the Suburban Bus Board that
4 authorizes the person to receive free services on or before the
5 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
6 Assembly. If a person meets the requirements of this
7 subsection, then the person may continue to receive free
8 services until the expiration date on the fare card or other
9 form of verification. If a person meets the requirements of
10 this subsection but the valid fare card or other form of
11 verification does not have an expiration date, then the person
12 may continue to receive free services for 4 years after the
13 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
14 Assembly. This subsection applies to persons aged 65 or older
15 who do not qualify under subsection (b).

16 (d) Nothing in this Section shall relieve the Suburban Bus
17 Board from providing reduced fares as may be required by
18 federal law.

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

20 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.14)

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

22 (a) (Blank). Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no
23 later than 60 days following the effective date of this
24 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, any fixed route
25 public transportation services provided by, or under grant or

1 ~~purchase of service contracts of, the Commuter Rail Board shall~~
2 ~~be provided without charge to all senior citizens of the~~
3 ~~Metropolitan Region aged 65 and older, under such conditions as~~
4 ~~shall be prescribed by the Commuter Rail Board.~~

5 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on or after
6 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
7 Assembly, 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 any person aged 65 or older who meets the income eligibility
11 limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the
12 Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and
13 Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under such conditions as shall
14 be prescribed by the Commuter Rail Board. The Department on
15 Aging shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to
16 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals
17 who are eligible for services without charge under this
18 Section.

19 (c) In addition, any fixed route public transportation
20 services shall also be provided free of charge to any person
21 aged 65 or older who possesses a valid fare card or other form
22 of verification issued by the Commuter Rail Board that
23 authorizes the person to receive free services on or before the
24 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
25 Assembly. If a person meets the requirements of this
26 subsection, then the person may continue to receive free

1 services until the expiration date on the fare card or other
2 form of verification. If a person meets the requirements of
3 this subsection but the valid fare card or other form of
4 verification does not have an expiration date, then the person
5 may continue to receive free services for 4 years after the
6 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
7 Assembly. This subsection applies to persons aged 65 or older
8 who do not qualify under subsection (b).

9 (d) Nothing in this Section shall relieve the Commuter Rail
10 Board from providing reduced fares as may be required by
11 federal law.

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

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law."