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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3618

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3618 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding
6 Section 2705-355 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-355 new)

8 Sec. 2705-355. Amtrak Illinois bus program.

9 (a) The purpose of this amendatory Act of the 97th General
10 Assembly is to create a pilot program for intercity bus service
11 that generates enough ticket revenue to cover all of its costs
12 and to generate more ridership and revenue for the Amtrak
13 Illinois rail service. This bus service shall be known as the
14 Amtrak Illinois bus program.

15 (b) The Department shall issue a concession to an intercity
16 bus operator for a period of 2 years. The concessionaire shall

1 participate in the Amtrak Thruways program.

2 (c) The Department shall require Amtrak, as a condition of
3 receiving State funds for intercity rail service, to enroll the
4 concessionaire in the Amtrak Thruways program and sell and
5 issue tickets for the bus service of the concessionaire. The
6 Department shall further require Amtrak, as a condition of
7 receiving State funds for intercity rail service, to account
8 for the ticket revenue of all rail passengers who also
9 purchased a bus ticket from the concessionaire for the same
10 trip. This revenue of rail tickets sold to individuals who also
11 purchased a bus ticket from the concessionaire on the same trip
12 shall be distributed to the concessionaire from Amtrak on a
13 monthly basis for the duration of the concession. Any
14 additional revenue collected by Amtrak due to higher ticket
15 prices sold to non-bus passengers shall remain with Amtrak and
16 may be used to reduce the annual operating subsidy for rail
17 service due from the State.

18 (d) The concessionaire shall affix large signage that reads
19 "Amtrak Illinois" on all bus vehicles used by the
20 concessionaire to transport passengers. The Department shall
21 require Amtrak, as a condition of receiving State funds for
22 intercity rail service, to allow the concessionaire to use the
23 Amtrak Illinois trademark and logo as part of their signage.

24 (e) The Department shall market Amtrak Illinois bus service
25 in the same manner as the Department markets Amtrak Illinois
26 rail service.

1 (f) The concession shall be for at least one of the
2 following routes: Champaign, Normal, Peoria, Galesburg, and
3 the Quad Cities; and Champaign, Decatur, Springfield, and
4 Quincy, with any intermediate stops of the concessionaire's
5 choosing. These routes shall be timed to connect with Amtrak
6 service in Champaign, Normal, Galesburg, and Springfield as
7 much as possible. Preference shall be granted for
8 concessionaire proposals that include the most frequencies on
9 the routes. The Department may grant a concession for one or
10 both of these routes as part of the pilot program.

11 (g) The concessionaire shall be encouraged to pick up and
12 drop off bus passengers that do not also purchase a rail
13 ticket.

14 (h) The Department shall issue a Request for Proposals from
15 potential concessionaires by November 1, 2012 and shall select
16 the concessionaire by February 1, 2013. Service shall begin by
17 April 1, 2013 to coincide with the issuance of the Amtrak
18 timetable in the spring of 2013.

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