



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB1942

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 3605/51 new  
70 ILCS 3605/52 new  
70 ILCS 3615/3A.15 new  
70 ILCS 3615/3A.16 new  
70 ILCS 3615/3B.14 new  
70 ILCS 3615/3B.15 new  
70 ILCS 3615/5.06 new

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act and the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that the Regional Transportation Authority must implement a single fare card system to allow senior citizens aged 65 and older who reside within the metropolitan region to use all transit services provided by the Chicago Transit Authority, the Suburban Bus Division, and the Commuter Rail Division free of charge. Sets forth certain criteria for the fare cards. Provides that it is a Class A misdemeanor for an applicant to provide false information on an application for a senior citizen fare card. Provides that the Chicago Transit Authority, the Suburban Bus Division, and the Commuter Rail Division must provide transit services free of charge to active duty military personnel who are in uniform. Effective immediately.

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CORRECTIONAL  
BUDGET AND  
IMPACT NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is  
5 amended by adding Sections 51 and 52 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3605/51 new)

7 Sec. 51. Senior citizen fare cards. Notwithstanding any  
8 provision of law to the contrary, within 60 days after the  
9 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General  
10 Assembly, the Chicago Transit Authority must implement a fare  
11 card system, pursuant to rules adopted by the Regional  
12 Transportation Authority under Section 5.06 of the Regional  
13 Transportation Authority Act, to allow senior citizens aged 65  
14 and older who reside within the metropolitan region to use all  
15 transit services provided by the Chicago Transit Authority free  
16 of charge.

17 (70 ILCS 3605/52 new)

18 Sec. 52. Active duty military personnel. Notwithstanding  
19 any provision of law to the contrary, within 60 days after the  
20 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General  
21 Assembly, all transit services provided by the Chicago Transit  
22 Authority must be provided free of charge to active duty

1 military personnel who are in uniform.

2 Section 10. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is  
3 amended by adding Sections 3A.15, 3A.16, 3B.14, 3B.15, and 5.06  
4 as follows:

5 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.15 new)

6 Sec. 3A.15. Senior citizen fare cards. Notwithstanding any  
7 provision of law to the contrary, within 60 days after the  
8 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General  
9 Assembly, the Suburban Bus Board must implement a fare card  
10 system, pursuant to rules adopted by the Regional  
11 Transportation Authority under Section 5.06 of this Act, to  
12 allow senior citizens aged 65 and older who reside within the  
13 metropolitan region to use all transit services provided by the  
14 Suburban Bus Board free of charge.

15 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.16 new)

16 Sec. 3A.16. Active duty military personnel.  
17 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, within 60  
18 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
19 95th General Assembly, all transit services provided by the  
20 Suburban Bus Board must be provided free of charge to active  
21 duty military personnel who are in uniform.

22 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.14 new)

1       Sec. 3B.14. Senior citizen fare cards. Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of law to the contrary, within 60 days after the  
3 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General  
4 Assembly, the Commuter Rail Board must implement a fare card  
5 system, pursuant to rules adopted by the Regional  
6 Transportation Authority under Section 5.06 of this Act, to  
7 allow senior citizens aged 65 and older who reside within the  
8 metropolitan region to use all transit services provided by the  
9 Suburban Bus Board free of charge.

10       (70 ILCS 3615/3B.15 new)

11       Sec. 3B.15. Active duty military personnel.  
12 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, within 60  
13 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
14 95th General Assembly, all transit services provided by the  
15 Commuter Rail Board must be provided free of charge to active  
16 duty military personnel who are in uniform.

17       (70 ILCS 3615/5.06 new)

18       Sec. 5.06. Senior citizen fare cards. Within 60 days after  
19 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General  
20 Assembly, the Authority must implement a single fare card  
21 system to allow senior citizens aged 65 and older who reside  
22 within the metropolitan region to use all transit services  
23 provided by the Chicago Transit Authority, the Suburban Bus  
24 Division, and the Commuter Rail Division free of charge. The

1 Authority must promulgate rules to implement the fare card  
2 system, which shall include, at a minimum, the following:

3 (1) each applicant shall be required to submit an  
4 application only once and shall not be required to reapply;

5 (2) applicants must be legal residents of Illinois; and

6 (3) applicants must certify that their income is equal  
7 to or less than 400% of the federal poverty line, as  
8 determined by the federal Office of Management and Budget.

9 Any applicant who knowingly provides false information on  
10 an application for a senior citizen fare card commits a Class A  
11 misdemeanor.

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