

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 changing Sections 51 and 52 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3605/51)

7 Sec. 51. Free services; eligibility.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
9 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
10 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is  
11 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services  
12 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts  
13 of, the Board shall be provided without charge to all senior  
14 citizens of the Metropolitan Region (as such term is defined  
15 in 70 ILCS 3615/1.03) aged 65 and older, under such conditions  
16 as shall be prescribed by the Board.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
18 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act  
19 of the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
20 transportation services provided by, or under grant or  
21 purchase of service contracts of, the Board shall be provided  
22 without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet  
23 the income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection

1 (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with  
2 Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as  
3 shall be prescribed by the Board. The Department on Aging  
4 shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to  
5 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals  
6 who are eligible for services without charge under this  
7 Section. After an initial eligibility determination is made,  
8 an individual's eligibility for free services shall  
9 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the  
10 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued  
11 identification card validating Illinois residency. Nothing in  
12 this Section shall relieve the Board from providing reduced  
13 fares as may be required by federal law.

14 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

15 (70 ILCS 3605/52)

16 Sec. 52. Transit services for individuals with  
17 disabilities. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no  
18 later than 60 days following the effective date of this  
19 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, all fixed route  
20 public transportation services provided by, or under grant or  
21 purchase of service contract of, the Board shall be provided  
22 without charge to all persons with disabilities who meet the  
23 income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of  
24 Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities  
25 Property Tax Relief Act, under such procedures as shall be

1 prescribed by the Board. The Department on Aging shall furnish  
2 all information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,  
3 including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for  
4 services without charge under this Section. After an initial  
5 eligibility determination is made, an individual's eligibility  
6 for free services shall automatically renew every 5 years  
7 after receipt by the Authority of a copy of the individual's  
8 government-issued identification card validating Illinois  
9 residency. Individuals who have not submitted an Illinois  
10 Persons with a Disability Identification Card to the Authority  
11 shall also submit a document verifying the individual's  
12 disability.

13 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

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

17 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.15)

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

19 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
20 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
21 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is  
22 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services  
23 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts  
24 of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be provided without charge to

1 all senior citizens of the Metropolitan Region aged 65 and  
2 older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the  
3 Suburban Bus Board.

4 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
5 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act  
6 of the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
7 transportation services provided by, or under grant or  
8 purchase of service contracts of, the Suburban Bus Board shall  
9 be provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and  
10 older who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in  
11 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and  
12 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such  
13 conditions as shall be prescribed by the Suburban Bus Board.  
14 The Department on Aging shall furnish all information  
15 reasonably necessary to determine eligibility, including  
16 updated lists of individuals who are eligible for services  
17 without charge under this Section. After an initial  
18 eligibility determination is made, an individual's eligibility  
19 for free services shall automatically renew every 5 years  
20 after receipt by the Authority of a copy of the individual's  
21 government-issued identification card validating Illinois  
22 residency. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the Suburban  
23 Bus Board from providing reduced fares as may be required by  
24 federal law.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

1 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.16)

2 Sec. 3A.16. Transit services for individuals with  
3 disabilities. 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, all fixed route  
6 public transportation services provided by, or under grant or  
7 purchase of service contract of, the Suburban Bus Board shall  
8 be provided without charge to all persons with disabilities  
9 who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in  
10 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and  
11 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such  
12 procedures as shall be prescribed by the Board. The Department  
13 on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to  
14 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals  
15 who are eligible for services without charge under this  
16 Section. After an initial eligibility determination is made,  
17 an individual's eligibility for free services shall  
18 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the  
19 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued  
20 identification card validating Illinois residency. Individuals  
21 who have not submitted an Illinois Persons with a Disability  
22 Identification Card to the Authority shall also submit a  
23 document verifying the individual's disability.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

25 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.14)

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

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

11           (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
12 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act  
13 of the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
14 transportation services provided by, or under grant or  
15 purchase of service contracts of, the Commuter Rail Board  
16 shall be provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65  
17 and older who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth  
18 in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and  
19 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such  
20 conditions as shall be prescribed by the Commuter Rail Board.  
21 The Department on Aging shall furnish all information  
22 reasonably necessary to determine eligibility, including  
23 updated lists of individuals who are eligible for services  
24 without charge under this Section. After an initial  
25 eligibility determination is made, an individual's eligibility  
26 for free services shall automatically renew every 5 years

1 after receipt by the Authority of a copy of the individual's  
2 government-issued identification card validating Illinois  
3 residency. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the Commuter  
4 Rail Board from providing reduced fares as may be required by  
5 federal law.

6 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

7 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.15)

8 Sec. 3B.15. Transit services for individuals with  
9 disabilities. 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, all fixed route  
12 public transportation services provided by, or under grant or  
13 purchase of service contract of, the Commuter Rail Board shall  
14 be provided without charge to all persons with disabilities  
15 who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in  
16 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and  
17 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such  
18 procedures as shall be prescribed by the Board. The Department  
19 on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to  
20 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals  
21 who are eligible for services without charge under this  
22 Section. After an initial eligibility determination is made,  
23 an individual's eligibility for free services shall  
24 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the  
25 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued

1 identification card validating Illinois residency. Individuals  
2 who have not submitted an Illinois Persons with a Disability  
3 Identification Card to the Authority shall also submit a  
4 document verifying the individual's disability.

5 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)