

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.)