48:3-4.1

August 19, 1970

LEGISLATIVE NOTES ON R.S. 48:3-4.1 (Senior citizen - reduced fare)

Similar bill introduced:

1967-AJR23 Died in committee 1969-A615 1969-A711 -1969-S639 1969-S761

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Governor's statement on signing (copy enclosed)

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 24, 1969

By Assemblymen LASKIN, MABIE, BROWN, PEDERSEN, W. L. SMITH and AIKINS

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities

AN ACT concerning fares for transporting certain persons and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 2 of New Jersey:

1 1. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 48 $\mathbf{2}$ of the Revised Statutes or of any other law to the contrary, any 3 citizen and resident of this State of the age of 65 or more years 4 may be transported by any street railway, traction railway, auto-5 bus company, or railroad company at less than the usual and ordi-6 nary fare charged to one person, under such reasonable regulations 7 as may be established by the carrier concerning the time period of any day or the day or days of the week during which such reduced 8 9 fare may apply. Any such regulations may prescribe the method 10 by which any such citizen and resident shall pay the aforesaid 11 lesser fare; said method may prescribe the use of any reasonable 12 form of age identification and may require the payment of a full 13 fare with a procedure for rebating the difference in such fare to a qualifying citizen and resident at the general or other office or 14 offices of the carrier. 15

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

FROM: OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

I am today signing Assembly Bill No. 693 which wild permit but not require any public carrier in this state to provide reduced fares or rebates to citizens over the age of 65. While it is recognized that no single approach will solve the major problems confronting our senior citizens today, it is hoped that relieving their cost of public transportation, upon which the aging are dependent, will be a significant step in this direction.

Therefore, I urge those public carriers which are affected by this act to join with me in recognizing the plight of our senior citizens by exercising the option now open to them of providing programs of fare reductions or rebates applicable during any reasonable time periods. As I approve Assembly Bill No. 693, which will place the burden of compensating for any revenue loss which it produces solely on the carriers and their patrons, I must remind all citizens that the support of proposals for the aging and their consequent financial implications should be a continuing and shared concern of all citizens.