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[FIRST REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 1114
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 1994

By Assemblymen COTTRELL, MALONE, Assemblywoman
Murphy, Assemblymen Suliga, Bagger and Assemblywoman
Vandervalk

1 AN ACT concerning senior citizen and disabled resident
2 transportation and amending P.L.1983, c.578.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
5 State of New Jersey:

6 ¹[1. Section 4 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-28) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 4. The board shall establish and administer a program to be
9 known as "The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident
10 Transportation Assistance Program" for the following purposes:

11 a. To assist counties (1) to develop and provide accessible
12 feeder transportation service to accessible fixed-route
13 transportation services where such services are available, and
14 accessible local transit service to senior citizens and the
15 disabled, which may include but not be limited to door-to-door
16 service, fixed route service, local fare subsidy, and user-side
17 subsidy, which may include by not be limited to private ride or
18 taxi fare subsidy; and (2) to coordinate the activities of the
19 various participants in this program in providing the services to
20 be rendered at the county level and between counties.

21 b. To [enable the corporation (1) to develop, provide and
22 maintain capital improvements that afford accessibility to fixed
23 route and other transit services in order to make rail cars, rail
24 stations, bus shelters and other bus equipment accessible to
25 senior citizens and the disabled; (2) to] render technical
26 information and assistance to counties eligible for assistance
27 under this act[;] and [(3)] to coordinate the program within and
28 among counties.

29 (cf: P.L.1983, c.578, s.4)¹

30 ¹[2.] 1.¹ Section 7 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-31) is amended
31 to read as follows:

32 7. a. Moneys under this program shall be allocated by the
33 corporation in the following manner:

34 (1) [75%] ¹[93%] 85%¹ shall be available to be allocated to
35 eligible counties for the purposes specified under subsection a. of
36 section 4 of this act.

37 (2) [25%] ¹[7%] 15%¹ shall be available for use by the
38 corporation for the purposes specified under subsection b. of
39 section 4 of this act and for the general administration of the
40 program [, but no more than 10% of the total moneys allocated
41 under this program shall be used for the general administration of
42 the program] ¹, but no more than 10% of the total moneys

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ATC committee amendments adopted January 19, 1995.

1 allocated under this program shall be used for the general
2 administration of the program¹.

3 b. The amount of money which each eligible county may
4 receive shall be based upon the number of persons resident in that
5 county of 60 years of age or older expressed as a percentage of
6 the whole number of persons resident in this State of 60 years or
7 older, as provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. As similar
8 data become available for the disabled population, such data shall
9 be used in conjunction with the senior citizen data to determine
10 the county allocation formula. No eligible county shall receive
11 less than \$150,000.00 during a fiscal year under this program,
12 except that during the first fiscal year no county shall receive
13 less than \$50,000.00 nor more than \$150,000.00.

14 c. The governing body of an eligible county, or a group or
15 groups designated as an applicant or as applicants by the county
16 after a public hearing in which senior citizens and the disabled
17 shall have the opportunity to comment on the appropriateness of
18 such designation, may make application to the board for moneys
19 available under subsection b. of this section. The application
20 shall be in the form of a proposal to the board for transportation
21 assistance and shall specify the degree to which the proposal
22 meets the purposes of the program under subsection a. of section
23 4 of this act and the implementation criteria under the program
24 guidelines and the proposal shall have been considered at a public
25 hearing. The board shall allocate moneys based upon a review of
26 the merits of the proposals in meeting the purposes of the
27 program, and the implementation criteria, under the program
28 guidelines. The governing body of an eligible county shall
29 schedule a public hearing annually for interested parties to
30 provide the governing body with any facts, materials, or
31 recommendations that would be of assistance regarding the
32 efficacy of the program established under subsection a. of section
33 4 of this act.

34 (cf: P.L.1983, c.578, s.7).

35 ¹[3.] 2.1 This act shall take effect immediately ¹but shall
36 remain inoperative until July 1st next following enactment¹.

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41 Changes New Jersey Transit Corporation's role in "The Senior
42 Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance
43 Program."

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32 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill amends the "Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident
38 Transportation Assistance Act," P.L.1983, c.578, (C.27:25-25 et
39 seq.) by changing the allocation of the Casino Revenue Fund
40 moneys to the New Jersey Transit Corporation. Currently 75% of
41 moneys are allocated by the New Jersey Transit Corporation to
42 eligible counties. This bill increases the allocation to 93%.

43 Under current law, the other 25% of these funds is available
44 for use by the New Jersey Transit Corporation to "enable the
45 corporation (1) to develop, provide and maintain capital
46 improvements that afford accessibility to fixed route and other
47 transit services in order to make rail cars, rail stations, bus
48 shelters and other bus equipment accessible to senior citizens and
49 the disabled; (2) to render technical information and assistance to
50 counties eligible for assistance under this act and (3) to
51 coordinate the program within and among counties."

52 This bill reduces the amount to 7% and specifies that these
53 funds shall be used only for providing technical information and
54 assistance to eligible counties, coordinating county activities, and
55 administering the program.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1114

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 11, 1995

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1114 (1R).

Assembly Bill No. 1114 (1R) amends the "Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act," P.L.1983, c.578, (C.27:25-25 et seq.) by changing the allocation of the Casino Revenue Fund moneys to the program. Currently 75% of moneys are allocated by the New Jersey Transit Corporation to eligible counties.

This bill increases the allocation to 85% for the counties and reduces to 15% the funds available for use by the corporation. These funds are to be used to develop, provide and maintain capital improvements that afford accessibility to fixed route and other transit services in order to make rail cars, rail stations, bus shelters and other bus equipment accessible to senior citizens and the disabled; to render technical information and assistance to counties eligible for assistance under this act and to coordinate the program within and among counties. The allocation will remain inoperative until the beginning of the fiscal year next following enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill was not certified as needing a fiscal note. However, past State-aid allocations from the Casino Revenue Fund for the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program have been:

	<u>FY '93</u>	<u>FY '94</u>	<u>FY '95</u>
Counties	\$13.86 mil.	\$14.43 mil.	\$14.62 mil.
NJ Transit	<u>4.62 mil.</u>	<u>4.81 mil.</u>	<u>4.87 mil.</u>
Total	\$18.48 mil.	\$19.24 mil.	\$19.49 mil.

	<u>FY '96</u>
(under the bill)	
Counties	\$16.88 mil.
NJ Transit	<u>2.98 mil.</u>
Budget Request	\$19.86 mil.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1114

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 19, 1995

The Assembly Transportation and Communications Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1114 with committee amendments.

As reported by the committee, this bill amends the "Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act," P.L.1983, c.578, (C.27:25-25 et seq.) by changing the allocation of the Casino Revenue Fund moneys to the program. Currently 75% of moneys are allocated by the New Jersey Transit Corporation to eligible counties. This bill increases the allocation to 85%. The bill reduces to 15% the funds available for use by the corporation to develop, provide and maintain capital improvements that afford accessibility to fixed route and other transit services in order to make rail cars, rail stations, bus shelters and other bus equipment accessible to senior citizens and the disabled; to render technical information and assistance to counties eligible for assistance under this act and to coordinate the program within and among counties.

The committee amendments changed the allocation to the counties to 85% and restored language allowing 10% of the moneys allocated to the corporation to be used for the general administration of the program. The amendments restore language concerning the purposes for which the corporation may use the funds. The committee also amended the bill to provide that the change in allocation will remain inoperative until the beginning of the fiscal year next following enactment.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1114

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 22, 1995

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1114 (1R).

Assembly Bill No. 1114 (1R) amends the "Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act," P.L.1983, c.578, (C.27:25-25 et seq.) by changing the allocation of the Casino Revenue Fund moneys to the program. Currently 75% of moneys are allocated by the New Jersey Transit Corporation to eligible counties.

This bill increases the allocation to 85% for the counties and reduces to 15% the funds available for use by the corporation. These funds are used by the corporation to develop, provide and maintain capital improvements that afford accessibility to fixed route and other transit services in order to make rail cars, rail stations, bus shelters and other bus equipment accessible to senior citizens and the disabled; to render technical information and assistance to counties eligible for assistance under this act and to coordinate the program within and among counties. The allocation will remain inoperative until the beginning of the fiscal year next following enactment.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill 1019 of 1995, as amended and reported by this committee on June 22, 1995.

FISCAL IMPACT

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