

No. 339

AN ACT

SB 1686

Amending the act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.42), entitled "An act empowering and authorizing the Department of Community Affairs to establish and administer certain grant programs for the betterment of mass transportation systems and facilities throughout the Commonwealth; providing for State grants to transportation companies, municipalities, counties, or their instrumentalities and to agencies and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth for studies, research, demonstration programs, promotion programs, purchase of service projects, and capital improvement projects under certain conditions; authorizing grants by counties or municipalities in metropolitan areas to local transportation organizations," providing for free local transit service for persons age sixty-five or older.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 2, act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.42), known as the "Pennsylvania Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Law of 1967," is amended to read:

Section 2. Findings and Declaration of Policy.—* * *

(b) Therefore, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to promote the health, safety, convenience and welfare of its inhabitants through the department by means of State financial assistance for the development of efficient and coordinated urban common carrier mass transportation systems, facilities and services *and to provide free local transit for the elderly*. Such purposes are hereby declared to be public uses for which State moneys may be spent.

Section 2. Section 4 of the act is amended by adding a clause to read:

Section 4. Program Authorizations.—The department is hereby authorized, within the limitations hereinafter provided:

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(5) To make grants to agencies and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth and to municipalities, counties, or their instrumentalities from the State Lottery Fund to pay estimated transit losses resulting from granting free service to persons sixty-five years of age or older on common carrier mass transportation systems when such passage is by local public bus, trolley or subway-elevated systems during nonpeak riding hours and on holidays and weekends. The department shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this clause.

In counties where there does not now exist a mass transportation authority the department shall enter into agreements with private carriers, authorized to carry passengers for hire by the Public Utilities Commission to carry out the purposes of this clause.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

APPROVED—The 27th day of December, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed title of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.