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~~Assemblyman WIMBERLY Walker, District Assemblywoman 35 Haider, (Bergen Assemblymen Schaer and Sampson Passaic) -Senator -ANGELA -V. SYNOPSIS Authorizes funding for on-demand micro transit service under Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program.~~

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Assemblyman Walker, Assemblywoman Haider, Assemblymen Schaer, Sampson, Assemblywoman Speight, Assemblyman Singh, Assemblywomen Carter, Brennan, Assemblyman Wainstein, Assemblywoman Donlon and Senator Timberlake SYNOPSIS Authorizes funding for on-demand micro transit service under Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on June 1, 2026, with amendments.

1. 1. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-27) is amended to read as follows: 3. 3.
As used in [this act] P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.): [a.] "Accessible" means a service that can be used by all individuals, including those who cannot negotiate steps or who can negotiate steps with great difficulty.

"Board" means the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

"Corporation" means the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

[b. "Board" means Board of Directors of the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

c.] "Disabled" "Disabled resident" means any individual who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, is unable without special facilities or special planning on design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected. affected.] 1 "Eligible counties" means counties submitting a proposal meeting the program guidelines.

"Eligible [d.] counties" "Geographic region" means counties one submitting of a the proposal following meeting regions of the program State: guidelines, the southern region encompassing the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem;

the [d.] central "Geographic region" encompassing means the one counties of the Hunterdon, following Mercer, regions Middlesex, of Monmouth, the Ocean State: 1, 1 and Somerset;

the southern region encompassing the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem;

the central region encompassing the counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset;

"New Jersey Special Services Citizen Advisory Committee" means a committee representing advocacy groups from senior citizens and [the] disabled 1 [disabled residents residents] people with disabilities 1 and other interested parties appointed by the 1 President and Chief 1 Executive Director 1 [Director] Officer 1 of 1 the 1 New Jersey Transit, Transit 1 Corporation 1.

[e.] [e. "Accessible" means a service that can be used by all individuals including those who cannot negotiate steps or who can negotiate steps with great difficulty.

f. f. "Disabled" means any individual who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, is unable without special facilities or special planning on design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected.

g. g. "Geographic region" means one of the following regions of the State:

and the northern region encompassing those counties remaining in the State.] - "On-demand micro transit" means publicly available, 1 [publicly available, technology enabled, technology enabled, 1] shared 1 public 1 transportation 1 services 1 provided by means of a motor vehicle to individuals selecting a pick-up and drop-off location by telephone or through a mobile 1 [mobile] software 1 application, and which transportation is provided at a time selected by the individual or as soon as possible after the individual selects pick-up and drop-off locations for such transportation.

(cf: P.L.1983, 1 "People c.578, with s.3) disabilities" - means - individuals 2. who, Section by 2 reason of P.L.1983, illness, c.578 injury, (C.27:25-26) age, is congenital amended malfunction, too read other as permanent follows: or - temporary 2. - incapacity The or Legislature disability, finds are

~~and unable declares without that special many facilities senior or citizens special and planning disabled on residents design into the utilize State mass require transportation assistance facilities in meeting their need for available and accessible services transportation as so effectively that as they persons may who obtain are the necessities of life, including, but not limited so to, affected. employment, post-secondary education, social and recreational activities, shopping and medical service;~~

and ~~_____~~ "Software application" means technology that ~~the enables voters a of county this to State provide recognized on-demand the micro need transit for service. such~~ "Software assistance application" when, shall not include a digital network as that term is defined in ~~1981, section they 2 approved of an P.L.2017, amendment c.26 [of] (C.39:5H-2).1 (cf: P.L.1983, c.578, s.3)~~ 2. Section of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-26) is amended to ~~the read State as Constitution follows: [which _____ provides] 2. _____ providing~~ The Legislature finds and declares that ~~State many revenues senior derived citizens from and the 1 [disabled taxation residents] of people gambling with establishments disabilities 1 in Atlantic the City State may require be assistance used, in addition meeting to their the need purposes for which available and accessible transportation so that they were may originally obtain dedicated, the for necessities additional of or life, expanded including, transportation but services not or limited benefits to, to employment, senior post-secondary citizens education, social and [the] recreational disabled activities, residents, shopping and medical service;~~

and ~~The that Legislature the further voters finds of and this declares State that recognized it the is need appropriate for such assistance when, in 1981, they approved an amendment [of] to the State Constitution [which provides] providing that State revenues derived from the New taxation Jersey of Transit gambling Corporation, establishments in conjunction Atlantic with City its may advisory be bodies, used, representatives in or addition associations to of the counties, purposes and for other which interested they parties, were develop originally a dedicated, plan for additional or expanded transportation assistance services or benefits to senior citizens and [the] disabled 1 [disabled residents; residents] people with disabilities 1.~~

The Legislature further finds and declares that it is appropriate that the New Jersey Transit Corporation, in conjunction with its advisory bodies, representatives or associations of counties, and other interested parties, develop a plan for transportation assistance to senior citizens and [the] 1 [disabled residents] people with disabilities 1;

(cf: P.L.1983, c.578, s.2) ~~_____ 3. _____ 3. _____~~ Section ~~4~~ of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-28) is amended to read as follows: ~~_____ 4. _____ 4. _____~~ a-a. The board shall establish and administer a program to be known as "The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program" for the following purposes: (1) [To] to assist counties to develop and provide accessible feeder transportation service to accessible fixed-route transportation services where such services are available, including, but not limited to, on-demand micro transit service, and accessible local transit service to senior citizens and [the] 1 [disabled residents] people with disabilities 1, which services may include, but shall not be limited to, door-to-door service, fixed route service, local fare subsidy, on-demand micro transit service, and user-side subsidy, which may include, but not be limited to, private ride or taxi fare subsidy;

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and ~~_____ (2) _____ (2)~~ [To] to enable 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 1 [disabled residents; residents] people with disabilities 1;

~~b. _____ b. _____~~ In the State fiscal year beginning July 1 following the effective date of P.L.2009, c.261, and in each fiscal year thereafter, there shall be appropriated to the corporation from the revenues deposited in the Casino Revenue Fund, established pursuant to section 145 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-145), a sum equal to 8.5 percent of the revenues deposited in the fund during the preceding fiscal year, as determined by the State Treasurer, to effectuate the purposes and provisions of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.).

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, for [the] State Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024, appropriations to the corporation from the revenues deposited in the Casino Revenue Fund or the Property Tax Relief Fund, as appropriate, shall be given priority to ensure that the corporation receives an amount equal to 8.5 percent of the sum of the revenues deposited in the Casino Revenue Fund during the preceding fiscal year, adding back any reductions in revenues during the preceding fiscal year that directly resulted from the temporary credit allowable under section 1 of P.L.2021, c.314 or the temporary deduction allowable under section 3 of the P.L.2021, c.314, as

determined by the State Treasurer, to effectuate the purposes and provisions of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.).

(cf: P.L.2021, c.314, s.6) ~~4.~~ 4. Section ~~5~~ of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-29) is amended to read as follows: ~~5.~~ 5. The corporation, in conjunction with the New Jersey Transit Special Services Citizen Advisory Committee, appropriate advisory committees of the corporation and with representatives or associations of counties in this State and other interested parties, as determined by the board, shall develop program guidelines to implement the program. The guidelines shall set implementation criteria and shall be adopted by the board at a public ~~meeting.~~ meeting. Commencing on the first anniversary of the effective date of [this act] P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.), the corporation shall annually conduct at least one public hearing in each geographic region in order to gather information from interested parties as to the efficacy of the program. The corporation shall submit an annual report to the Legislature by October 1 of each year covering the period of the previous State fiscal year. The report shall cover the status of this program including any recommendations concerning the general improvement of mass transit for [the] senior citizens and [the] 1[disabled residents] people with disabilities1.

~~Commencing on 1The the guidelines first shall anniversary specify of that the any effective driver date providing of on-demand [this micro act] transit P.L.1983, service 6.578 through (C.27:25-25 an et on-demand seq.), micro the transit corporation program shall that annually receives conduct funding at through least "The one Senior public Citizen hearing and in Disabled each Resident geographic Transportation region Assistance in Program," order established pursuant to gather section information 4 from of interested P.L.1983, parties c.578 as (C.27:25-28), to and the is efficacy operated of by the a program, county. The whether corporation directly shall or submit indirectly an through annual contract report or subcontract, is required to there receive Legislature a by federal October Internal 1 Revenue of Service each W-2 year form 1 covering (cf: the P.L.1983, period c.578, s.5)~~ 5. Section of the P.L.1983, previous c.578 State (C.27:25-31) fiscal is year. amended The to report read shall as cover follows: the status 7. of a. [Moneys] Monies under this program including shall any be recommendations allocated concerning by the general corporation improvement in of the mass following transit manner: (1) 85 [%] percent shall be available to be allocated to eligible counties for [the] the senior purposes citizens specified and under [the] paragraph disabled (1) residents of subsection a.

~~(cf: P.L.1983, c.578, s.5) 5. Section 7 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-31) is amended to read as follows: 7. a. [Moneys] Monies under this program shall be allocated by the corporation in the following manner: (1) 85 [%] percent shall be available to be allocated to eligible counties for the purposes specified under paragraph (1) of subsection a.~~

and ~~(2)~~ (2) 15 [%] percent shall be available for use by the corporation for the purposes specified under paragraph (2) of subsection a.

~~b.~~ b. The amount of money [which] that each eligible county may receive shall be based upon the number of persons resident in that county of 60 years of age or older expressed as a percentage of the whole number of persons resident in this State of 60 years or older, as provided by the U.S.

[Bureau of the] Census Bureau. As similar data become available for ~~the 1[the] disabled resident population, population] people with disabilities1,~~ such data shall be used in conjunction with the senior citizen data to determine the county allocation formula. No eligible county shall receive less than [\$150,000.00] \$150,000 during a fiscal year under this program [, except that during]. However, during the first fiscal year, no county shall receive less than [\$50,000.00] \$50,000 nor more than [\$150,000.00] \$150,000.

~~c.~~ c. The governing body of an eligible county, or a group or groups designated as an applicant or as applicants by the county after a public hearing in which senior citizens and [the] ~~disabled 1[disabled residents] residents] people with disabilities1~~ shall have the opportunity to comment on the appropriateness of such designation, may [make application] apply to the board for [moneys] monies available under subsection b.

(cf: P.L.2009, c.261, s.2) ~~6.~~ 6. Section 8 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-32) is amended to read as follows: ~~8.~~ 8. a. The board shall promulgate, in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.

54:14B-1 et seq.), [such] rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of ~~this 1[this act, act] P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.) 1.~~

~~b.~~ b. The corporation shall be entitled to call upon the assistance, or contract for services, of any State department, board, bureau, commission 1, 1 or agency as may be necessary to implement the provisions of [this act] P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.).

~~c.~~ c. Notice of any public hearing required to be held pursuant to [this act] P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.) shall be published at least 30 days prior to the date in at least two newspapers circulating in the specific geographic area in which the meeting is to be held. Notice of any hearing shall also be transmitted, at least 30 days in advance thereof, to every municipal clerk within the specified geographic area where the meeting will be held.

~~d.~~ d. All public hearings held pursuant to [this act] P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.) shall be

held at locations [which] that are accessible to senior citizens and [the] ~~disabled~~¹[disabled residents, residents] people with disabilities¹.

(cf: P.L.1983, c.578, s.8) 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

~~STATEMENT This bill amends current law to expand the scope of the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (program), making any county that provides on-demand micro transit service to senior citizens and disabled residents eligible for financial assistance under the program. Under the bill, "on-demand micro transit" means publicly available, technology-enabled, shared transportation provided by means of a motor vehicle to individuals selecting a pick-up and drop-off location by telephone or through a mobile application, and which transportation is provided at a time selected by the individual or as soon as possible after the individual selects pick-up and drop-off locations for such transportation.~~