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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOT Commissioner to advertise availability of certain transportation programs and services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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AN ACT concerning the advertising of certain transportation programs and services and amending P.L.1973, c.126.

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

1. Section 2 of P.L.1973, c.126 (C.27:1A-65) is amended to read as follows:

2. For the purposes of P.L.1973, c.126 (C.27:1A-64 et seq.), unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Access Link service" means the paratransit service implemented by the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the purposes of complying with the "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990," Pub.L.101-336 (42 U.S.C. s.12101 et seq.).

"Carrier" means any individual, copartnership, association, corporation, joint stock company, public agency, trustee, or receiver operating motor buses or rail passenger service on established routes within this State or between points in this State and points in adjacent states.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Transportation; provided, however, that the commissioner may delegate any of the commissioner's powers or duties under P.L.1973, c.126 (C.27:1A-64 et seq.) to any subordinate division, agency, or employee of the Department of Transportation or to the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

"Disabled veteran" means "disabled veteran" as defined in N.J.S.11A:5-1.

"Motor bus" means "autobus" as defined in R.S.48:4-1, and includes those autobuses, commonly called jitneys, as defined in R.S.48:16-23.

"Offpeak times" means the hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the weekdays, and all day on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

"Person with disabilities" 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 or design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected. A "person with disabilities" shall include a person determined by the New Jersey Transit Corporation to be eligible for its Access Link service.

"Senior citizen" means any individual 62 years of age or over.

(cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.107)

2. Section 8 of P.L.1973, c.126 (C.27:1A-71) is amended to read as follows:

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.

8. The commissioner is hereby authorized to hire, employ, or assign secretarial, clerical, and other personnel as shall be required for complying with the provisions of P.L.1973, c.126 (C.27:1A-64 et seq.). The commissioner [may] shall also expend a reasonable sum, not to exceed $50,000 annually, for advertising to make senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and disabled veterans aware of the program [and], the availability and cost of the reduced fares thereunder, the hours when reduced fares may be used, the public transportation facilities made accessible to persons with disabilities, and the availability of other transportation services offered to the public for use by persons with disabilities including Access Link service.
(cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.111)

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill requires the Commissioner of Transportation (commissioner) to advertise the availability of the program that provides motor bus and rail passenger service for senior citizens and persons with disabilities at reduced fares, the cost of those fares, and the hours when reduced fares may be used. The bill also requires the commissioner to advertise the public transportation facilities made accessible to persons with disabilities and the availability of other transportation services offered to the public for use by persons with disabilities, including the Access Link paratransit service operated by the New Jersey Transit Corporation.