

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 155, *approved January 7, 2021*
Senate, No. 1936

- 1 **AN ACT** concerning the advertising of certain transportation
2 programs and services and amending P.L.1973, c.126.
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- 4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*
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- 7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1973, c.126 (C.27:1A-65) is amended to
8 read as follows:
- 9 2. For the purposes of P.L.1973, c.126 (C.27:1A-64 et seq.),
10 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 11 “Access Link service” means the paratransit service implemented
12 by the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the purposes of
13 complying with the "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990,"
14 Pub.L.101-336 (42 U.S.C. s.12101 et seq.).
- 15 "Carrier" means any individual, copartnership, association,
16 corporation, joint stock company, public agency, trustee, or receiver
17 operating motor buses or rail passenger service on established
18 routes within this State or between points in this State and points in
19 adjacent states.
- 20 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Transportation;
21 provided, however, that the commissioner may delegate any of the
22 commissioner's powers or duties under P.L.1973, c.126 (C.27:1A-
23 64 et seq.) to any subordinate division, agency, or employee of the
24 Department of Transportation or to the New Jersey Transit
25 Corporation.
- 26 "Disabled veteran" means "disabled veteran" as defined in
27 N.J.S.11A:5-1.
- 28 "Motor bus" means "autobus" as defined in R.S.48:4-1, and
29 includes those autobuses, commonly called jitneys, as defined in
30 R.S.48:16-23.
- 31 "Offpeak times" means the hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and
32 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the weekdays, and all day on
33 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.
- 34 "Person with disabilities" means any individual who, by reason
35 of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent
36 or temporary incapacity or disability, is unable without special
37 facilities or special planning or design to utilize mass transportation
38 facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so
39 affected. A “person with disabilities” shall include a person
40 determined by the New Jersey Transit Corporation to be eligible for
41 its Access Link service.
- 42 "Senior citizen" means any individual 62 years of age or over.
43 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.107)

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.

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

3 8. The commissioner is hereby authorized to hire, employ, or
4 assign secretarial, clerical, and other personnel as shall be required
5 for complying with the provisions of P.L.1973, c.126 (C.27:1A-
6 64 et seq.). The commissioner **【may】** shall also expend a
7 reasonable sum, not to exceed \$50,000 annually, for advertising to
8 make senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and disabled
9 veterans aware of the program **【and】**, the availability and cost of
10 the reduced fares thereunder, the hours when reduced fares may be
11 used, the public transportation facilities made accessible to persons
12 with disabilities, and the availability of other transportation services
13 offered to the public for use by persons with disabilities including
14 Access Link service.
15 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.111)

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17 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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

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