

ASSEMBLY, No. 1615

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman WISNIEWSKI, Assemblywoman FRISCIA
and Assemblyman Dalton

1 AN ACT concerning rail transportation for disabled individuals and
2 supplementing chapter 25 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
8 governing board of the corporation shall not require a disabled
9 individual, as defined in section 3 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-27),
10 who produces and shows to the conductor or person in charge of the
11 train a properly validated reduced fare identification card issued by the
12 corporation, to pay a surcharge for purchasing a ticket on board any
13 train operated by the corporation.

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15 2. The board may promulgate, in accordance with the
16 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
17 seq.), such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the
18 purposes of this act.

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20 3. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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25 New Jersey Transit's rail fare program requires all rail passengers
26 to pay a \$3 surcharge for purchasing a ticket while aboard a train,
27 instead of purchasing a ticket at a selected train station ticket office or
28 an automated ticket dispensing machine. Since disabled passengers are
29 not always able to make the necessary arrangements for purchasing rail
30 tickets prior to boarding a train, in order to meet their essential
31 appointments (e.g., medical treatment), this bill provides that a
32 qualified disabled individual who presents to the conductor a reduced
33 fare identification card issued by New Jersey Transit, will not be
34 required to pay this surcharge.

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3 Prohibits NJT from requiring disabled individuals to pay a surcharge
4 for purchasing tickets while on board an NJT train.