

SENATE, No. 3507

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires rail passenger service to provide purchasers with proof of payment at time of purchase.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning rail passenger service proof of payment and
2 amending P.L.1997, c.357.

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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.1997, c.357 (C.27:25-5.7) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. a. The use of a rail passenger service by a person shall
10 constitute an agreement by the person to pay the prescribed fare for the
11 service. A person who has paid the prescribed fare for a rail passenger
12 service and who has been issued proof of payment therefor shall retain
13 that proof of payment while in a pre-paid fare area or on designated
14 rail passenger facilities or vehicles.

15 b. The proof of payment issued pursuant to this section shall not
16 require any additional validation in order to serve as valid proof of
17 payment for the applicable fare. The proof of payment shall clearly
18 state the rail passenger service line or lines and the specific duration
19 for which the proof of payment is valid. An authorized employee or
20 fare enforcement officer may require a customer to display the proof
21 of payment, which shall be valid pursuant to the terms stated on the
22 proof of payment, however, no additional actions by the purchaser
23 shall be necessary in order for the purchaser to be in compliance with
24 the provisions of section 3 of P.L.1997, c.357 (C.27:25-5.8).

25 (cf: P.L.1997, c.357, s.2)

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
28 inoperative for 90 days following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill prevents the New Jersey Transit Corporation (New
34 Jersey Transit) from requiring any validation of proof of payment
35 for rail passenger service. The bill also requires the proof of
36 payment provided for use of rail passenger service to include the
37 lines of service and the duration for which the proof of payment is
38 valid. If a customer is in possession of an authentic proof of
39 payment, that is valid pursuant to the terms on the proof of
40 payment, and provides it to authorized employees or fare
41 enforcement officers, then the customer is not to be considered in
42 violation of fare policy for rail passenger service.

43 Currently, New Jersey Transit light rail and Newark subway
44 service utilize a payment system where passes purchased from
45 vending machines are not valid for use until stamped at a validation

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.

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1 machine located on each platform, which places a time stamp on the
2 pass giving the customer a fixed time in which they can utilize the
3 service after they validate the pass. Many individuals are unaware
4 of this policy, do not validate a pass that they purchase, and are
5 subsequently fined as a result. This bill will prevent the use of the
6 validation machines. Instead, a pass will have to identify the period
7 of time in which it can be used at the time of purchase, and be
8 clearly stated on the pass.