

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019–20 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2012

**Introduced by Assembly Member Chu
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Nazarian)**

January 28, 2020

An act to add Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 99125) to Part 11 of Division 10 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2012, as introduced, Chu. Free senior transit passes: eligibility for state funding.

Existing law declares that the fostering, continuance, and development of public transportation systems are a matter of state concern. Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation to administer various programs and allocates moneys for various public transportation purposes.

This bill would require transit agencies to offer free senior transit passes to persons over 65 years of age in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Deddeh Transit Development Act, the State Transit Assistance Program, and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The bill would require those free senior transit passes to count as full price fares for purposes of calculating the ratio of fare revenues to operating costs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 99125)
2 is added to Part 11 of Division 10 of the Public Utilities Code, to
3 read:

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5 CHAPTER 2.5. FREE SENIOR TRANSIT PASSES
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7 99125. Notwithstanding any other law, a transit agency shall
8 offer free senior transit passes to persons over 65 years of age in
9 order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Deddeh
10 Transit Development Act (Division 11 (commencing with Section
11 120000)), the State Transit Assistance Program described in
12 subdivision (a) of Section 99312.2, and the Low Carbon Transit
13 Operations Program created by Part 3 (commencing with Section
14 75230) of Division 44 of the Public Resources Code.

15 99126. A free senior transit pass provided pursuant to Section
16 99125 shall count as a full price fare for purposes of calculating
17 the ratio of fare revenues to operating costs.