

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 660

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Introduced by Duis, 39

AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Commission on Aging; to define terms; to authorize the commission to receive and expend state and federal funds for assisting local government providing transportation services for the elderly as prescribed; to amend section 68-1105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to correct a term; and to repeal the original section.  
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Local government shall mean a municipality, a county or a transit authority created and operated under state law;

(2) Federal government shall mean the United States of America, or any agency or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States of America; and

(3) State government shall mean the State of Nebraska or an agency of the State of Nebraska as designated by law.

Sec. 2. The Nebraska Commission on Aging is authorized to receive and expend state and federal funds for the purpose of assisting local government in the provision of transportation services for the elderly subject to the following:

(1) Local government shall be authorized to operate directly a public mass transit system and shall be eligible to receive a subsidy from the commission to offset one half of the cost, as determined by sound auditing and accounting procedures, of the provision of any fare reduction to persons aged sixty and over, such fare reduction to be available to all persons of such age during all hours of operation of the public mass transit system;

(2) Local government shall be authorized to operate an escorted portal-to-portal transportation service for older persons and shall be eligible to receive from the commission, during the first three years

of the operation of such service, such subsidy as the commission may determine, but not exceeding seventy-five per cent of the cost of the first year of operation, fifty per cent of the cost of the second year of operation, and twenty-five per cent of the cost of the third year of operation, such cost of operation to be computed exclusive of any fares, fees, or user contributions;

(3) In counties with a population under one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, local government contracting with public school districts for the utilization of school buses for transportation of the elderly, when such buses are not otherwise engaged in transporting students, shall be eligible to receive from the commission a subsidy during the first three years of operation of such service, such subsidy being in such amount as the commission may determine, but not exceeding seventy-five per cent of the cost of the first year of operation, fifty per cent of the cost of the second year of operation, and twenty-five per cent of the cost of the third year of operation, such cost of operation to be exclusive of any fares, fees, or user contributions; and

(4) Nothing in this section shall permit the utilization of any school district funds for transportation of the elderly.

Sec. 3. Any local government is authorized to provide special transportation by its own vehicles or by contract for those persons sixty years of age and older and for their spouses and dependents, and for those persons unable because of physical handicap to use regular transit buses.

Sec. 4. That section 68-1105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

68-1105. The members of the Nebraska Commission on Aging, and noncommission members serving on committees, shall receive no compensation for their services other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses on the same basis as full-time state employees. Committee Commission expenses and any office expenses shall be paid from funds made available to the committee commission by the Legislature.

Sec. 5. That original section 68-1105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.