



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 664**

February Session, 2008

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**AN ACT CONCERNING INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 55 of public act 05-280, as amended by section 40  
2 of public act 06-188, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, the  
5 Commissioner of Social Services shall, within existing budgetary  
6 resources, provide grants not to exceed fifty thousand dollars over the  
7 two-year period for each grant, to [four] five municipalities with  
8 populations of twenty-five thousand or more, or to a nonprofit  
9 organization located within any such municipality. Such grants shall  
10 be used by such municipality or nonprofit organization to develop and  
11 plan financially self-sustaining community-based regional  
12 transportation systems that, through a combination of private  
13 donations and user fees, provide transportation services on behalf of  
14 elderly persons. Prior to the disbursement of any grant made pursuant  
15 to this section, a municipality selected to receive such grant shall  
16 demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commissioner, that such  
17 municipality has secured additional private funds, in an amount of not  
18 less than twenty-five thousand dollars that shall be used to develop  
19 and plan financially self-sustaining community-based regional

20 transportation systems. Any municipality selected to receive a grant  
21 pursuant to this section shall, to the extent practicable, model such  
22 community-based regional transportation system on the ITNAmerica  
23 model, shall provide for wheelchair accessible options and shall work  
24 cooperatively with the regional planning agency of which the  
25 municipality is a member in planning and developing such  
26 community-based regional transportation system.

27 (b) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, the  
28 Commissioner of Social Services shall select an additional five  
29 municipalities that shall be eligible to receive grants for the planning,  
30 development and implementation of community-based regional  
31 transportation systems, as provided in subsection (a) of this section.  
32 The commissioner shall provide a grant in the amount of fifty  
33 thousand dollars each to the five municipalities selected or to a  
34 nonprofit organization located within any such municipality. The  
35 commissioner, when selecting the additional five municipalities  
36 eligible to receive grants under this section, shall consider  
37 transportation needs on a state-wide basis so as to ensure that all  
38 geographic areas of the state are included in the development of the  
39 community-based regional transportation systems.

40 (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, the Commissioner of  
41 Social Services shall provide a grant in the amount of fifty thousand  
42 dollars to each of the five municipalities selected by the Department of  
43 Social Services pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

44 Sec. 2. Section 38a-351 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
45 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

46 No insurer shall refuse to renew any automobile liability policy, as  
47 defined in section 38a-341, or assign any surcharge on any automobile  
48 liability insurance premium solely on the basis that the named insured  
49 or any operator either resident in the same household or who  
50 customarily operates an automobile insured under the policy is either  
51 (1) a volunteer fireman, [or] (2) a member of a volunteer ambulance

52 company who performs volunteer ambulance duties, as defined in  
53 section 19a-189, or (3) a volunteer driver for a community-based  
54 regional transportation system, established pursuant to section 55 of  
55 public act 05-280, as amended by section 40 of public act 06-188 and  
56 this act.

57 Sec. 3. (Effective July 1, 2008) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand  
58 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the  
59 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose  
60 of providing an additional grant in the amount of fifty thousand  
61 dollars to each of the five municipalities previously selected by the  
62 department in subsection (a) of section 55 of public act 05-280, as  
63 amended by section 40 of public act 06-188 and this act, for the  
64 development and implementation of community-based regional  
65 transportation systems.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 05-280, Sec. 55
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	38a-351
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In sections 2 and 3 citing to section 55 of public act 05-280 was inserted for clarity.

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*Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO C/R*

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