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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5734

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING NEW AND EXPANDED BUS
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES THROUGHOUT CONNECTICUT."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) There is established, within
4 available budgetary resources, the "Buses for 21st Century Mobility"
5 program which shall be administered by the Department of
6 Transportation. Commencing July 1, 2008, the Department of
7 Transportation shall accept applications from publicly-funded
8 transportation providers and nonprofit community transportation
9 service providers for funding to provide new and expanded bus
10 transportation services as part of the Buses for 21st Century Mobility
11 program. Such new and expanded bus transportation service
12 programs shall include, but not be limited to: (1) Expansion of existing
13 services where a demonstrated need has been shown, including, but

14 not limited to, weekend and evening service and increased frequency
15 of service; (2) establishment of new services where a demonstrated
16 need has been shown; (3) new rail shuttle services; (4) express bus
17 commuter services; (5) greater coordination of marketing and web-trip
18 planning of transit services; and (6) other bus transportation programs
19 designed to increase bus ridership opportunities for Connecticut
20 residents.

21 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 13b-79p of the 2008 supplement to
22 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
23 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

24 (a) The Commissioner of Transportation shall implement the
25 following strategic transportation projects and initiatives:

26 (1) Restoring commuter rail service on the New Haven-Hartford-
27 Springfield line, including providing shuttle bus service between the
28 rail line and Bradley International Airport;

29 (2) Implementing the New Britain-Hartford busway, subject to the
30 availability of federal funds;

31 (3) Rehabilitating rail passenger coaches for use on Shore Line East,
32 the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield line and the branch lines;

33 (4) Developing a new commuter rail station in West Haven;

34 (5) Meeting the costs of capital improvements on the branch lines,
35 not to exceed forty-five million dollars;

36 (6) Meeting the capital costs of parking and rail station
37 improvements on the New Haven Line, Shore Line East and the
38 branch lines, not to exceed sixty million dollars;

39 (7) Funding the local share of the Southeast Area Transit federal
40 pilot project;

41 (8) Completing the Norwich Intermodal Transit Hub Roadway

42 improvements;

43 (9) Conducting environmental planning and assessment for the
44 expansion of Interstate 95 between Branford and the Rhode Island
45 border;

46 (10) Completing preliminary design and engineering for Interstate
47 84 widening between Waterbury and Danbury;

48 (11) Funding the Commercial Vehicle Information System Network,
49 including weigh-in motion and electronic preclearance of safe truck
50 operators for fixed scale operations on Interstate 91 and Interstate 95,
51 not to exceed four million dollars;

52 (12) Funding the capital costs of the greater Hartford highway
53 infrastructure improvements in support of economic development;

54 (13) Completing a rail link to the port of New Haven;

55 (14) Purchasing not more than thirty-eight electric rail cars for use
56 on the New Haven Line and Shore Line East commuter rail services;

57 (15) Purchasing of equipment and facilities to support Shore Line
58 East commuter rail expansion, including implementation of phases I
59 and II, as recommended in the report submitted pursuant to
60 subsection (d) of this section;

61 (16) Improving bicycle access to and storage facilities at
62 transportation centers;

63 (17) Developing a new commuter rail station in Orange;

64 (18) Funding the Waterbury Intermodal Transportation Center, not
65 to exceed eighteen million dollars;

66 (19) Improving bus connectivity and service, not to exceed twenty
67 million dollars for capital costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.
68 The funds shall be used to (A) construct bus maintenance and storage
69 facilities for the Windham and Torrington regional transit districts, not

70 to exceed fourteen million dollars, (B) purchase [and install clean
 71 diesel bus retrofits] vehicles for the Buses for 21st Century Mobility
 72 program, not to exceed five million dollars, and (C) purchase vehicles
 73 for elderly and disabled demand responsive transportation programs
 74 for use by municipalities that participate in the state matching grant
 75 program established under section 13b-38bb, not to exceed one million
 76 dollars;

77 (20) Funding the state share of Tweed Airport's runway safety area,
 78 not to exceed one million fifty-five thousand dollars; and

79 (21) Evaluating the purchase of rolling stock for direct commuter
 80 rail service connecting Connecticut to New Jersey via Pennsylvania
 81 Station in New York, New York by the initiation of ongoing formal
 82 discussions by the state of Connecticut, acting through the Governor or
 83 the Governor's designee, with the states of New York and New Jersey
 84 and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Amtrak regarding
 85 the extension of rail service from Pennsylvania Station to points in this
 86 state."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	13b-79p(a)