



General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 281

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LCO No. 1981



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE CHANGES TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 13b-38h of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3 (a) The Department of Transportation shall provide for changes in
4 fares and the level of service for mass transportation by land in
5 accordance with the provisions of this section and shall not be required
6 to conform to the procedures in chapter 54.

7 (b) Prior to adopting any change in fares or the level in service for
8 mass transportation by land, the department shall (1) give notice of (A)
9 the proposed fare change, [its] the amount of the proposed fare and the
10 date it is proposed to take effect, and (B) the proposed service change, a
11 description of such change and the date it is proposed to take effect, by
12 advertising, at least once, in one or more newspapers having general
13 circulation in all areas of the state that may be affected by such fare or
14 service change [in fares] and by posting on the Internet web site of the

15 department, and (2) in such notice and such post, provide information
16 on the time and place a public hearing is to be held on any such
17 proposed fare or service change. Such notice shall be [posted] provided
18 at least fifteen days prior to such public hearing. The department shall,
19 at least fifteen days prior to such public hearing, send a copy of such
20 notice to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
21 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
22 relating to transportation and [to] finance, revenue and bonding. A
23 public hearing on the proposed fare or service change shall be held at
24 such time and place as will be convenient for public attendance,
25 provided in the case of a proposed change in the level of service for a
26 rail line, a public hearing shall be held in the municipality with an
27 intermediate transit station that serves a significant percentage of the
28 line's ridership.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	13b-38h
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Statement of Purpose:

To require a public hearing regarding a proposed service change to a rail line in a town with an intermediate transit station that serves a significant percentage of the line's ridership.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]