



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 974

February 29, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives CARPENTER, BOCK, NOTESTEIN, BALDWIN, BLACK, BOYLE, PLOMBON, RILEY, RYBA, WIRCH, L. YOUNG, R. YOUNG and PLACHE, cosponsored by Senators BURKE, GROBSCHMIDT and ANDREA. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 25.40 (1) (b); and **to create** 20.395 (1) (ah), 78.015 (7) and 85.20
2 (4m) (ar) of the statutes; **relating to:** the urban mass transit operating
3 assistance program, motor vehicle fuel tax and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) administers an urban mass transit operating assistance program that funds a portion of the annual operating expenses of eligible urban mass transit systems and provides supplemental operating assistance payments for eligible systems with annual operating expenses greater than \$20,000,000 and annual ridership of more than 7,000,000 one-way trips.

This bill requires DOT to make payments to each eligible urban mass transit system on a proportional basis from revenues generated from 20% of the annual rate adjustments to the motor vehicle fuel tax. Under current law, the department of revenue annually adjusts the rate for the motor vehicle fuel tax. These payments to eligible urban mass transit systems are in addition to any other funding available under the program.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.395 (1) (ah) of the statutes is created to read:

1 20.395 (1) (ah) *Transit operating aids, motor vehicle fuel tax, state funds.* From
2 the general fund, all moneys received from revenues collected under s. 78.015 (7) for
3 the purpose of the mass transit aid program under s. 85.20 (4m) (ar).

4 **SECTION 2.** 25.40 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 25.40 (1) (b) Motor vehicle fuel and general aviation fuel taxes and other
6 revenues collected under ch. 78 minus the costs of collecting delinquent taxes under
7 s. 73.03 (28), except for revenues collected under s. 78.015 (7) that are deposited in
8 the general fund and credited to the appropriation under s. 20.395 (1) (ah).

9 **SECTION 3.** 78.015 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

10 78.015 (7) Twenty percent of the revenues collected from any increase in the
11 rate per gallon computed under this section for the tax imposed under s. 78.01 shall
12 be credited to the appropriation under s. 20.395 (1) (ah).

13 **SECTION 4.** 85.20 (4m) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

14 85.20 (4m) (ar) From the amounts appropriated under s. 20.395 (1) (ah), the
15 department shall make supplemental payments of state aid to each eligible
16 applicant in an amount equal to the proportionate share of state aid allocations to
17 that eligible applicant for the previous fiscal year under par. (a). State aid to an
18 eligible applicant under this paragraph shall be paid in each fiscal year according to
19 a schedule established by the department. The department may not make the last
20 payment for a fiscal year until the department has completed an audit under sub. (3)
21 (c) of the applicable urban mass transit system for the most recent state aid contract
22 period. Payments under this paragraph are in addition to any payments made under
23 par. (a) or (am).

24 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

