



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 902

March 11, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives GROTHMAN, JENSEN, WALKER and ZUKOWSKI, cosponsored by Senator ROSENZWEIG. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to create** 85.20 (4m) (g) of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting urban
2 mass transit aid payments for newly established rail service.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of transportation makes state aid payments to local public bodies in urban areas to assist the local public bodies with the expenses of operating an urban mass transit system. An urban mass transit system is transportation by bus, shared-ride taxicab, rail, or other conveyance, either publicly or privately owned, that provides the public with general or special service on a regular and continuing basis.

This bill prohibits such state aid payments for urban mass transit systems that provide transportation service by rail, unless such rail service is established by the date on which this bill becomes law or is provided by Amtrak.

For further information see the *state* 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 85.20 (4m) (g) of the statutes is created to read:
4 85.20 (**4m**) (g) Notwithstanding sub. (3), the department may not pay state aids
5 under this section for a mass transit system that provides transportation services by

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1 rail unless the transportation services by rail are provided on or before the effective
2 date of this paragraph [revisor inserts date]. Any increase in the level of
3 transportation service by rail of a mass transit system that provides such service on
4 or before the effective date of this paragraph [revisor inserts date], is eligible for
5 an increase in the amount of state aid payable under this section. An eligible
6 applicant may not use aids paid under this section to support transportation services
7 by rail unless the services are eligible for aid under this section. This paragraph does
8 not apply to Amtrak, as defined in s. 85.06 (1) (a).

9 (END)