



New South Wales

# Transport Administration Amendment (CountryLink Pensioner Booking Fee Abolition) Bill 2007

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to abolish booking fees on the use of pensioner travel vouchers and passes on CountryLink rail services.

## Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

**Clause 3** is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the *Transport Administration Act 1988* set out in Schedule 1.

**Clause 4** provides for the repeal of the proposed Act after the amendments made by the proposed Act have commenced. Once the amendments have commenced the proposed Act will be spent and section 30 of the *Interpretation Act 1987* provides that the repeal of an amending Act does not affect the amendments made by that Act.

## **Schedule 1      Amendments**

**Schedule 1 [1]** makes it clear that an order fixing charges for services of RailCorp cannot impose a CountryLink pensioner booking fee (that is, a fee, however described, charged for or in relation to a NSW/ACT pensioner booking a railway service provided by CountryLink using what would otherwise be a free travel pass, a concessional travel pass or a pensioner travel voucher).

**Schedule 1 [2]** provides that RailCorp must not charge any pensioner booking fee for travel on a railway service provided by CountryLink. The new section provides that the order published by RailCorp on 9 June 2006 (see Gazette No 75 at pp 4248–4250) is of no effect, to the extent that it imposes a pensioner booking fee.



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## A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Transport Administration Act 1988* to abolish booking fees on the use of pensioner travel vouchers and passes on CountryLink rail services.

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<b>The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:</b>	1
<b>1 Name of Act</b>	2
This Act is the <i>Transport Administration Amendment (CountryLink Pensioner Booking Fee Abolition) Act 2007</i> .	3 4
<b>2 Commencement</b>	5
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	6
<b>3 Amendment of Transport Administration Act 1988 No 109</b>	7
The <i>Transport Administration Act 1988</i> is amended as set out in Schedule 1.	8 9
<b>4 Repeal of Act</b>	10
(1) This Act is repealed on the day following the day on which this Act commences.	11 12
(2) The repeal of this Act does not, because of the operation of section 30 of the <i>Interpretation Act 1987</i> , affect any amendment made by this Act.	13 14

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## Schedule 1 Amendments

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Schedule 1 Amendments

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- (ii) the unmarried mother of a deceased unmarried member of either of those Forces, or 1  
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- (iii) the widowed mother of a deceased unmarried member of either of those Forces, 3  
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and who is the holder of a Transport Concession Card issued by the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs. 5  
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- pensioner booking fee*** means a fee, however described, charged for or in relation to a NSW/ACT pensioner booking a railway service provided by CountryLink for travel, using: 8  
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- (a) what would otherwise be a free travel pass, or 11
- (b) a concessional travel pass, or 12
- (c) a pensioner travel voucher. 13
- pensioner travel voucher*** means a voucher entitling any NSW/ACT pensioner to travel on any railway service or other transport service provided by CountryLink for free. 14  
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