

#### 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.

#### Schedule 1 Amendment of Transport Administration

##### Act 1988 No 109

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).

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#### Transport Administration Amendment (CountryLink Pensioner Booking Fee Abolition) Bill 2009

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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 any order published by RailCorp is of no effect to the extent that it imposes a pensioner booking fee.