

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
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S.F. No. 1053

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/01/2023	567	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation
02/20/2023	893	Comm report: To pass
	900	Second reading

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to mass transit; clarifying Metropolitan Council authority to establish fare

1.3 programs and passes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.408, by

1.4 adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.408,

1.5 subdivisions 6, 7, 8, 9.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.408, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 4a. Transit passes. The council may establish transit fare programs and passes

1.10 that are consistent with the fare policy purposes stated in subdivision 2, including but not

1.11 limited to:

1.12 (1) discount pass programs for public and private employers, public and private

1.13 organizations, and school districts; and

1.14 (2) special pass programs for demonstration projects or special events.

1.15 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

1.16 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.408, subdivisions 6, 7, 8, and 9, are repealed.

1.17 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.**

1.18 This act is effective the day following final enactment and applies in the counties of

1.19 Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

473.408 FARE POLICY.

Subd. 6. **Monthly passes.** The council may offer monthly passes for regular route bus service for sale to the general public.

Subd. 7. **Employee discount passes.** The council may offer passes for regular route bus service for sale to employers at a special discount.

Subd. 8. **Charitable organization discount passes.** The council may offer passes, including tokens, for regular route bus service for sale to charitable organizations, described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, at a special discount.

Subd. 9. **Youth discount passes.** (a) The council may offer passes, including tokens, for regular route bus service to charitable organizations, described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, free of charge. Any passes provided under this subdivision must be:

(1) distributed to and used solely by a person who is under 16 years of age; and

(2) restricted to use on a bus that is not operating at full capacity at the time of use of the bus pass.

(b) The council may establish additional requirements and terms of use of the passes, including but not limited to charging a fee to the charitable organization for any printing or production costs, restricting times of bus pass use to certain or nonpeak hours of operation, and establishing oversight and auditing of the charitable organization with regard to bus pass distribution and use.