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H. R. 7843

To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit universal free fare policies on public transportation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2026

Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. ROY, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, and Mr. STEIL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Free Rides Act
5 of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON UNIVERSAL FARE FREE POLICIES.**

7 Section 5323 of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(w) PROHIBITION ON UNIVERSAL FARE FREE
2 POLICIES.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A recipient of assistance
4 under this chapter may not provide a universal fare
5 free policy that allows all users of a public transpor-
6 tation service provided by or on behalf of such re-
7 cipient from using such service without paying a
8 fare.

9 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Nothing in this subsection
10 shall prevent an recipient described in paragraph (1)
11 from providing a targeted fare policy that allows a
12 certain group of riders to ride for free or reduced
13 charge including for—

14 “(A) seniors;

15 “(B) low-income riders;

16 “(C) students; or

17 “(D) employees or members of an organi-
18 zation whereby use of such public transpor-
19 tation is paid for through an agreement be-
20 tween an entity and the designated recipient.

21 “(3) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Transpor-
22 tation may waive the requirements of paragraph (1)
23 if a recipient of assistance under this chapter is able
24 to identify a dedicated source of operating revenue

- 1 for such a universal fare free policy from a non-Fed-
- 2 eral source.”.

