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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medicaid Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to
4 reimburse a public emergency service transporter for the cost of transporting a
5 Medicaid Program recipient to a certain health care facility if the Program recipient
6 requires the use of life support instrumentation during transport to the facility;
7 making this Act applicable even if the Program recipient is dead on arrival at a
8 facility; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain
9 term; and generally relating to the reimbursement of certain emergency service
10 transporters under the Medical Assistance Program.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Health - General
13 Section 1-101(a) and (c) and 15-101(a), (c), (h), and (i)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Health - General
18 Section 15-114.1
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article - Health - General**

24 1-101.

25 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (c) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

27 15-101.

28 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

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1 (c) "Facility" means a hospital or nursing facility including an intermediate care
2 facility, skilled nursing facility, comprehensive care facility, or extended care facility.

3 (h) "Program" means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

4 (i) "Program recipient" means an individual who receives benefits under the
5 Program.

6 15-114.1.

7 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER" MEANS A
8 PUBLIC ENTITY THAT PROVIDES FIRE, RESCUE, OR AMBULANCE SERVICE.

9 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES EVEN IF A PROGRAM RECIPIENT IS DEAD ON
10 ARRIVAL AT A FACILITY.

11 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE AN EMERGENCY SERVICE
12 TRANSPORTER FOR THE COST OF TRANSPORTING A PROGRAM RECIPIENT TO A
13 FACILITY IF THE PROGRAM RECIPIENT REQUIRES THE USE OF LIFE SUPPORT
14 INSTRUMENTATION DURING TRANSPORT TO THE FACILITY.

15 (D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT ANY REGULATION NECESSARY TO
16 CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 1997.