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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Reimbursement - Emergency**  
3 **Service Transporters**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
5 reimburse an emergency service transporter under certain circumstances;  
6 authorizing the Department to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of  
7 this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the reimbursement of  
8 emergency service transporters under the Maryland Medical Assistance  
9 Program.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article - Health - General  
12 Section 15-114.1  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Health - General**

18 15-114.1.

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER" MEANS A  
20 PROVIDER OF FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES THAT IS A:

- 21 (1) PUBLIC ENTITY; OR
- 22 (2) VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER.

23 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE AN EMERGENCY SERVICE  
24 TRANSPORTER THAT BILLS FOR ITS SERVICES FOR:

- 25 (1) THE COST OF TRANSPORTING A PROGRAM RECIPIENT; AND
- 26 (2) MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT.

1 (C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE  
2 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 1998.