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By: **Senator Fry**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to
4 reimburse certain public emergency service transporters for the costs of
5 transportation and medical services provided to a Medicaid Program recipient
6 during transport to certain facilities if the emergency service transporter
7 charges for its services and requests reimbursement from the Program;
8 requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain
9 date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to reimbursement for
10 certain emergency service transporters under the Maryland Medical Assistance
11 Program.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Health - General
14 Section 1-101(a) and (c) and 15-101(a), (c), (h), and (i)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article - Health - General
19 Section 15-114.1
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - Health - General**

25 1-101.

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

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

1 15-101.

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

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

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

7 (i) "Program recipient" means an individual who receives benefits under the
8 Program.

9 15-114.1.

10 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER" MEANS A
11 PUBLIC ENTITY OR VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
12 THAT PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

13 (B) IF AN EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER CHARGES FOR ITS SERVICES
14 AND REQUESTS REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
15 REIMBURSE THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER FOR THE COST OF:

16 (1) TRANSPORTATION THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER
17 PROVIDES TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT TO A FACILITY; AND

18 (2) MEDICAL SERVICES THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER
19 PROVIDES TO THE PROGRAM RECIPIENT WHILE TRANSPORTING THE PROGRAM
20 RECIPIENT TO A FACILITY.

21 (C) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1998, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT ANY
22 REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION .

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