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By: ~~Senator Fry~~ **Senators Fry, Conway, McFadden, and Sfikas**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 in response to a 911 call if the emergency  
7 service transporter charges for its services and requests reimbursement from  
8 the Program; setting a limit on the amount of reimbursement from the Program;  
9 requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain  
10 date; defining a certain term; providing for the effective date of this Act; and  
11 generally relating to reimbursement for certain emergency service transporters  
12 under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article - Health - General  
15 Section 1-101(a) and (c) and 15-101(a), (c), (h), and (i)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article - Health - General  
20 Section 15-114.1  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Health - General**

2 1-101.

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

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

5 15-101.

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

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

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

11 (i) "Program recipient" means an individual who receives benefits under the  
12 Program.

13 15-114.1.

14 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER" MEANS A  
15 PUBLIC ENTITY OR VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE  
16 THAT PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.17 (B) IF AN EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER CHARGES FOR ITS SERVICES  
18 AND REQUESTS REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
19 REIMBURSE THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
20 EXCEED \$100 PER TRANSPORT, FOR THE COST OF:21 (1) TRANSPORTATION THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER  
22 PROVIDES TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT TO A FACILITY IN RESPONSE TO A 911 CALL;  
23 AND24 (2) MEDICAL SERVICES THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER  
25 PROVIDES TO THE PROGRAM RECIPIENT WHILE TRANSPORTING THE PROGRAM  
26 RECIPIENT TO A FACILITY IN RESPONSE TO A 911 CALL.27 (C) ~~ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1998,~~ THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT ANY  
28 REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1,  
30 1999, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt any regulations  
31 necessary to carry out § 15-114.1 of the Health - General Article as enacted under  
32 Section 1 of this Act.33 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act  
34 shall take effect October 1, 1998.

1 SECTION ~~2.~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in  
2 Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 1998~~ July 1, 1999.