

HOUSE BILL 235

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ENROLLED BILL

—Health and Government Operations/Finance—

Introduced by **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – ~~Emergency Service Transporters –~~**
3 **~~Payments~~ Transporters**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the statutory cap on reimbursement by the Department
5 of Health and Mental Hygiene for emergency service transporters under the
6 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and replacing it with a cap as specified
7 by regulation adopted by the Department; requiring the Department, in
8 consultation with certain stakeholders, to study certain issues regarding the
9 creation of a uniform nonemergency statewide transportation program to serve
10 enrollees of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring the
11 Department to report certain findings to certain committees of the General
12 Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to ~~emergency~~
13 service transporters for enrollees of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 2 Article – Health – General
 3 Section 15–114.1
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Health – General**

9 15–114.1.

10 (a) In this section, “emergency service transporter” means a public entity or
 11 volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical service that provides emergency medical
 12 services.

13 (b) If an emergency service transporter charges for its services and requests
 14 reimbursement from the Program, the Department shall reimburse the emergency
 15 service transporter, in an amount [not to exceed \$100 per transport] **AS SPECIFIED**
 16 **BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT**, for the cost of:

17 (1) Transportation the emergency service transporter provides to a
 18 Program recipient to a facility in response to a 911 call; and

19 (2) Medical services the emergency service transporter provides to the
 20 Program recipient while transporting the Program recipient to a facility in response to
 21 a 911 call.

22 (c) The Department shall adopt any regulations necessary to carry out this
 23 section.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

25 (a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study:

26 (1) the feasibility of creating a uniform nonemergency statewide
 27 transportation program to serve enrollees of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;

28 (2) any cost savings that might arise from the creation of a statewide
 29 program;

30 (3) any potential for quality improvement that would result from the
 31 creation of a statewide program; and

32 (4) the impact that creation of a statewide program would have on local
 33 health departments.

1 (b) In conducting the study, the Department shall consult with the
2 appropriate stakeholders, including providers, consumers, and local health
3 departments.

4 (c) On or before October 1, 2008, the Department shall report its findings
5 under this section, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the
6 Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations
7 Committee.

8 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
9 effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2008.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.