

HOUSE BILL 235

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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**
Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2008
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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; and generally relating to emergency
8 service transporters.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 15–114.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 15–114.1.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (2) Medical services the emergency service transporter provides to the
4 Program recipient while transporting the Program recipient to a facility in response to
5 a 911 call.

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

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