

HOUSE BILL 1537

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By: **Delegate Krimm**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Study Non–Emergency Medical Transportation Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study Non–Emergency Medical
4 Transportation Funding; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the
5 Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain
6 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the
7 Commission to study certain matters and make certain recommendations regarding
8 non–emergency medical transportation and locally operated transit systems;
9 requiring the Commission to consider certain matters when undertaking the study
10 and making certain recommendations; requiring the Commission to report its
11 findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the
12 General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for
13 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission to Study
14 Non–Emergency Medical Transportation Funding.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That:

17 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 (2) “LOTS” means a locally operated transit system.

19 (3) “NEMT” means non–emergency medical transportation.

20 (b) There is a Commission to Study Non–Emergency Medical Transportation
21 Funding.

22 (c) The Commission consists of the following members:

23 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
24 the Senate;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
2 the House;

3 (3) two individuals representing a dialysis provider network, one appointed
4 by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5 (4) the Comptroller of Maryland, or the Comptroller's designee;

6 (5) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

7 (6) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

8 (7) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Counties, or the
9 Executive Director's designee; and

10 (8) the Executive Director of the Transportation Association of Maryland,
11 or the Executive Director's designee.

12 (d) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall
13 each designate a cochair of the Commission.

14 (e) The Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Transportation
15 jointly shall provide staff for the Commission.

16 (f) A member of the Commission:

17 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

18 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
19 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

20 (g) The Commission shall:

21 (1) study Maryland's requirements for NEMT funding and the implications
22 that the current demand for NEMT funding may have on other forms of transportation
23 provided by LOTS; and

24 (2) make recommendations regarding the:

25 (i) criteria for choosing which medical providers would be required
26 to reimburse costs related to a patient's use of NEMT; and

27 (ii) best methodology for collecting and distributing NEMT
28 reimbursements to LOTS providers.

29 (h) In undertaking the study and making the recommendations required under

1 subsection (g) of this section, the Commission shall:

2 (1) measure NEMT funding requirements relative to the revenue for
3 NEMT and the total revenue for all LOTS activities;

4 (2) compare NEMT service volume to that of other LOTS services on a
5 per-person, per-hour, and per-dollar basis;

6 (3) determine the:

7 (i) impact of NEMT costs on the existing and projected future status
8 of LOTS funding adequacy; and

9 (ii) feasibility and methodology of assessing medical providers for
10 the reimbursement of certain NEMT costs; and

11 (4) consider any other data that the Commission deems necessary.

12 (i) On or before June 30, 2019, the Commission shall report its findings and
13 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
14 Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
15 and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of July
18 31, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
19 abrogated and of no further force and effect.