SENATE BILL 389

By: Senators Gallion, Guzzone, and Corderman
Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2021
Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning
Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transporters – Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of altering the medical services provided by an emergency service transporter for which the Maryland Department of Health is required to reimburse the emergency service transporter under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to increase the amount of certain reimbursement by a certain amount each fiscal year, beginning in a certain fiscal year, until the rate is at least a certain amount; and generally relating to the reimbursement of services provided by emergency service transporters.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 15–114.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General
15–114.1.

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

(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, IF an emergency service transporter charges for its services and requests reimbursement from the Program,
the Department shall reimburse the emergency service transporter, in an amount as
specified by regulations adopted by the Department, for the cost of:

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

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

(c) Beginning in fiscal year 2022, the Department shall increase
the amount of reimbursement authorized under subsection (b) of this
section for the cost of transportation and medical services by $25 each
fiscal year, until the reimbursement for the services is at least $300.

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

 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
October 1, 2021.