

ASSEMBLY BILL 122 (LRB -1472)

An Act to create 49.45 (3) (m) of the statutes; relating to: Medical Assistance reimbursement for transportation by specialized medical vehicle. (FE)

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- 05-17. A. Introduced by Representatives **Friske, Ainsworth, Hundertmark, Kerkman, Gunderson, Albers, Vos, Hines, Mursau, Hahn, Musser and Ballweg**; cosponsored by Senators **Roessler, Grothman and Breske**.
- 02-22. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Health 86
- 04-06. A. Fiscal estimate received.
- 04-26. A. Public hearing held.
- 05-03. A. Executive action taken.
- 05-17. A. Report passage recommended by committee on Health, Ayes 12, Noes 0 245
- 05-17. A. Referred to committee on Rules 245
- 12-06. A. Placed on calendar 12-13-2005 by committee on Rules.
- 12-06. A. Made a special order of business at 9:03 A.M. on 12-13-2005 pursuant to Assembly Resolution 43 653
- 12-13. A. Read a second time 667
- 12-13. A. Ordered to a third reading 667
- 12-13. A. Rules suspended 667
- 12-13. A. Read a third time and **passed** 667
- 12-13. A. Ordered immediately messaged 667
- 12-15. S. Received from Assembly 500
- 12-15. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care 500

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- 01-12. S. Public hearing held.
- 02-08. S. Executive action taken.
- 02-09. S. Report concurrence recommended by committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care, Ayes 5, Noes 0 590
- 02-09. S. Available for scheduling.
- 03-01. S. Placed on calendar 3-2-2006 by committee on Senate Organization.
- 03-02. S. Senator Stepp added as a cosponsor.
- 03-02. S. Read a second time.
- 03-02. S. Ordered to a third reading.
- 03-02. S. Rules suspended.
- 03-02. S. Read a third time and **concurred in**.
- 03-02. S. Ordered immediately messaged.

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- 1 **AN ACT to create** 49.45 (3) (m) of the statutes; **relating to:** Medical Assistance
2 reimbursement for transportation by specialized medical vehicle.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, transportation by specialized medical vehicle (SMV) to obtain medical care is a benefit under Medical Assistance (MA). The benefit is available to MA recipients who have a chronic physical disability that necessitates use of an aid such as a wheelchair, walker, or crutches, to recipients who have a mental impairment that contraindicates transportation by common carrier, and to recipients who are blind. SMV transportation services must be provided in a vehicle that is equipped to accommodate a wheelchair regardless of whether the MA recipient uses a wheelchair.

This bill eliminates the MA requirement that all SMV transportation services be provided in a vehicle that is equipped to accommodate a wheelchair. The bill requires that, to be certified as an MA provider of SMV transportation services, a provider have at least one vehicle that is equipped to accommodate a wheelchair. If an MA-certified provider uses two or more vehicles to provide SMV transportation services, at least two of the vehicles must be equipped to accommodate a wheelchair and any third or additional vehicle must be a vehicle that can be converted to accommodate a wheelchair. The bill requires MA reimbursement for SMV transportation services provided in a vehicle that is not equipped to accommodate a wheelchair if the person being transported does not use a wheelchair. Finally, the bill requires that the MA reimbursement rate for SMV transportation services provided in a vehicle that is not equipped to accommodate a wheelchair be the same as for services provided in a vehicle that is so equipped.

