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Elderly and Disabled Capital Assistance Program Modifications (Transportation -- Local Transportation Aid)

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CURRENT LAW

The state has three programs to finance the improvement of transportation services for the elderly and disabled: a county aids grant program; a capital grant program; and a tribal and elderly transportation grant program. These programs help to provide the benefits of transportation service to those people not otherwise having an available or accessible method of transportation. The state's elderly and disabled county aids and capital grant programs are funded from separate appropriations funded from the transportation fund. The capital grant program has corresponding federal and local funds appropriations.

GOVERNOR

Modify the existing elderly and disabled capital assistance appropriation and program to allow the program funding to be used for any specialized transit costs, including operating costs, and rename the existing capital assistance program for specialized transportation as the specialized transportation program. Rename the state-funded "elderly and disabled capital aids appropriation" the "seniors and individuals with disabilities specialized transportation aids appropriation" to reflect the modified program.

MODIFICATION

Modify the references to elderly and disabled in the county aids, federal capital assistance, and local capital assistance appropriations, as well as the program statutes, to refer instead to seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Explanation: In addition to renaming the elderly and disabled capital aids appropriation to reflect the proposed program changes, DOA, in its technical errata to the budget bill, indicated that the county aids, federal capital assistance, and local capital assistance appropriations should be modified to refer to seniors and individuals with disabilities. Further, DOA notes that any program references should also refer to seniors and individuals with disabilities. With these changes, the program's statutes would have consistent references to those served by the program.

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