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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 674** HLS 14RS 1472

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> DHH/Medicaid              |         | <b>Analyst:</b> Shawn Hotstream |
| <b>Subject:</b> Non-emergency transportation |         |                                 |

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Allows the use of a mode of transportation other than an ambulance for a nonemergency situation

Present law (R.S. 40:1235 (C)(b)) provides that no individual shall transport any ill or injured person on a stretcher in a vehicle that is not staffed, equipped, insured, and licensed as an ambulance.

Proposed law provides for a mode of transportation other than an ambulance for non emergency transportation, provided the alternative mode of transportation is capable of fitting and supporting a stretcher and the conveyance may be made without endangering the individual's health.

| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>2014-15</b> | <b>2015-16</b> | <b>2016-17</b> | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>2018-19</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      |                      |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Ded./Other          | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Federal Funds       | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      |                      |
| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <b>\$0</b>           |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |
| <b>REVENUES</b>     | <b>2014-15</b> | <b>2015-16</b> | <b>2016-17</b> | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>2018-19</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
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| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <b>\$0</b>           |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>           |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**


Proposed law provides for an alternative transportation for Medicaid recipients other than an ambulance in a non emergency situation. Specifically, this measure would authorize the Department and Health and Hospitals to reimburse non ambulance transportation providers that meet certain requirements when transporting Medicaid eligibles for certain services (likely non ambulatory recipients transported to routine medical visits such as physician visits or dialysis). The net impact of this measure would depend on the reimbursement rates set up by the department. Although this measure does not provide for a reimbursement rate, information provided by the department indicates the transportation costs in an ambulance are likely higher than a van with the minimal requirements of being capable of fitting and supporting a stretcher. To the extent DHH would reimburse based on cost, this measure may result in a indeterminable savings in payments to non emergency transportation providers in future fiscal years.

Information provided by DHH indicates ambulance providers are reimbursed a base rate of \$175 base rate for transportation and an additional \$6 per mile. Current law requires an ambulance to be staffed with a minimum of two persons, one of whom shall be a licensed emergency medical technician.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

  
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