



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5427***

LCO No. 2564



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL  
TRANSPORTATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-276 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2024*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall identify geographic  
5 areas of the state where competitive bidding for nonemergency  
6 transportation services provided to medical assistance recipients to  
7 access covered medical services would result in cost savings to the state.  
8 For the identified areas, the Commissioner of Social Services, in  
9 consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, the  
10 Commissioner of Public Health and the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
11 and Management, shall purchase such nonemergency transportation  
12 services through a competitive bidding process. Any transportation  
13 providers awarded a contract or subcontract for the direct provision of  
14 such services shall meet state licensure or certification requirements and  
15 the nonemergency transportation requirements established by the

16 Department of Social Services, and shall provide the most cost effective  
17 transportation service, provided any contractor awarded a contract  
18 solely for coordinating such transportation services shall not be required  
19 to meet such licensure or certification requirements and provided the  
20 first such contracts for the purchase of such services shall not exceed one  
21 year. Any drivers providing services under such contract shall at a  
22 minimum have approval by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for  
23 state endorsement requirements pursuant to section 14-44. Prior to  
24 awarding a contract pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of Social  
25 Services shall consider the effect of the contract on the emergency  
26 ambulance primary service areas and volunteer ambulance services  
27 affected by the contract. The commissioner may limit the geographic  
28 areas to be served by a contractor and may limit the amount of services  
29 to be performed by a contractor. The commissioner may operate one or  
30 more pilot programs prior to state-wide operation of a competitive  
31 bidding program for nonemergency transportation services. By  
32 enrolling in the Medicaid program or participating in the competitively  
33 bid contract for nonemergency transportation services, providers of  
34 nonemergency transportation services agree to offer to recipients of  
35 medical assistance all types or levels of transportation services for which  
36 they are licensed or certified. Effective October 1, 1991, payment for such  
37 services shall be made only for services provided to an eligible recipient  
38 who is actually transported. A contract entered into pursuant to this  
39 section may include services provided by another state agency.  
40 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, a contract  
41 entered into pursuant to this section shall establish the rates to be paid  
42 for the transportation services provided under the contract. A contract  
43 entered into pursuant to this section may include services provided by  
44 another state agency and shall supersede any conflicting provisions of  
45 the regulations of Connecticut state agencies pertaining to medical  
46 transportation services. Any contractor awarded a contract for  
47 coordinating nonemergency transportation services for medical  
48 assistance recipients, who also coordinates transportation services for  
49 nonmedical assistance recipients, shall disclose to any transportation  
50 provider, with whom it subcontracts to provide nonemergency

51 transportation services under this section, the source of payment at the  
52 time the service is requested.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |            |
| Section 1   | <i>July 1, 2024</i> | 17b-276(a) |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require drivers providing nonemergency medical transportation to be licensed operators of motor vehicles used for passenger transportation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*