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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS WHO TRANSPORT PATIENTS OR CLIENTS UNDER THE CARE, CONTROL OR CUSTODY OF A STATE AGENCY, AND THE VEHICLES USED BY SUCH INDIVIDUALS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2008) (a) Any individual
2 utilized by a state agency to transport patients or clients under the
3 care, custody or control of such state agency shall have a motor vehicle
4 operator's license that is in full force and effect for the type of vehicle
5 operated by such individual. As used in this section, any vehicle used
6 for the purpose of transporting patients or clients under the care,
7 custody or control of a state agency shall be referred to as a "transport
8 vehicle". Individuals operating transport vehicles shall not have any
9 moving violations or similar motor vehicle infractions during any one
10 year period prior to the operation of any transport vehicle. Every six
11 months, the state shall review the driving record of any individual
12 operating a transport vehicle for compliance with the requirements of
13 this subsection.

14 (b) Any individual utilized by a state agency to transport patients or

15 clients under the care, custody or control of such state agency shall be
16 trained in the procedures to properly fasten seat belts on persons with
17 disabilities, especially such persons in wheelchairs and on persons
18 who are unable to properly fasten a seat belt themselves. These
19 procedures shall be in writing and shall be issued to any individual
20 operating a transport vehicle. Before any such individual is allowed to
21 transport any persons with disabilities, such individual shall review
22 these procedures and demonstrate the proper implementation of such
23 procedures.

24 (c) The state shall conduct an inspection, at least once per month, of
25 each transport vehicle to ensure that all seats, seat belts and other
26 required safety equipment function properly.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To protect the health and safety of any patient or client under the care, custody or control of a state agency while such patient or client is being transported.

[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.]