



General Assembly

February Session, 2014

**Raised Bill No. 5447**

LCO No. 1527



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING RATES OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION FEES PAID BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.**

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

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  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

4 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, for  
5 purposes of administering medical assistance programs, including, but  
6 not limited to, programs administered pursuant to Title XIX or Title  
7 XXI of the Social Security Act, the Department of Social Services shall  
8 be the sole state agency that sets emergency and nonemergency  
9 medical transportation fees or fee schedules for [any] transportation  
10 services that are reimbursed by the department for [said] such medical  
11 assistance programs. Effective July 1, [2011] 2014, the Commissioner of  
12 Social Services shall [reduce, by not more than ten per cent,] increase  
13 the rates in effect on [December 31, 2010,] the effective date of this  
14 section for emergency ambulance transportation fees that are directly

15 reimbursed by the Department of Social Services [, provided the  
16 commissioner may increase such rates at such time when the  
17 commissioner determines there are sufficient funds and a reasonable  
18 need for such rate increase] to the extent required to restore such rates  
19 to the rates in effect on December 31, 2010.

20 Sec. 2. (Effective July 1, 2014) The sum of \_\_\_\_ dollars is appropriated  
21 to the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the  
22 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, to restore payment rates for  
23 emergency ambulance transportation fees to the rates in effect on  
24 December 31, 2010.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |             |
| Section 1   | <i>from passage</i> | 17b-276(b)  |
| Sec. 2  | <i>July 1, 2014</i> | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To restore Medicaid payment rates for emergency transportation to the rates in effect on December 31, 2010.

*[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.]*