
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 66

AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS WHO ARE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CONFINED TO A STRETCHER.

SUMMARY

This bill allows temporary and permanent livery permit holders to provide nonemergency transportation to elderly people and people with disabilities in stretcher vans under certain conditions. Under the bill, a “stretcher van” is a van designed and equipped to provide nonemergency transportation of people on stretchers.

The bill allows such permit holders to provide such transportation only if the person being transported (1) does not need medical services during transport and (2) obtains written consent to be transported in a stretcher van from his or her licensed primary care provider (i.e., physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant) and provides it to the van driver.

Under the bill, stretcher van drivers must have received training in lifting, moving, and transporting people on a stretcher that is equivalent to the training provided to emergency medical services (EMS) personnel. Livery permit holders must also ensure that an attendant trained in the same manner, in addition to the driver, accompany the individual being transported on a stretcher.

The bill also applies to permit holders who transport people on stretchers requirements that already apply to people who transport individuals in wheelchairs. Specifically, a permit holder who transports someone who remains on a stretcher while being transferred in and out of a stretcher van must provide, and require the use of, a device designed to secure the person (1) while he or she is transferred from the ground to the van and (2) from the time the van stops until the person is transferred from the van to the ground. The

device must be stored in the van at all times.

Lastly, the bill makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 5 (03/20/2019)