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

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Uncertain	See Below	See Below
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill allows stretcher vans to provide non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) under certain conditions. To the extent this requires such services to be covered under Medicaid, there will be a fiscal impact to the Department of Social Services (DSS). In 2018, there were approximately 50,700 NEMT units of service at a Medicaid cost per unit of approximately \$165. The fiscal impact to DSS is dependent on (1) the number of Medicaid/Medicare eligible individuals who utilize stretcher vans for whom the state pays the full cost, (2) the number of Medicaid only individuals who utilize stretcher vans in lieu of ambulatory transportation for whom the state receives federal reimbursement, and (3) the rate paid for stretcher vans.

The bill makes requirements to stretcher transports; violation of the provisions is an infraction, punishable by a fine and results in a potential revenue gain. Infraction fines are set by the judge and are usually approximately \$100.

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***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above will continue into the future subject to exposure under the Medicaid program and potential fines.