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By Senators Murray, Haugen, Esser, Oke, Swecker and Rasmussen; by request of Department of Social and Health Services and Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to specialized commercial vehicles used for patient  
2 transportation; and amending RCW 18.73.180.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.73.180 and 1987 c 214 s 14 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Other vehicles not herein defined by this chapter shall not be  
7 used for transportation of patients ((who must be carried on a  
8 stretcher or)) who may require medical attention en route, except that  
9 such transportation may be used when a disaster creates a situation  
10 that cannot be served by licensed ambulances.

11 (2) Except as excluded by rules established by the department,  
12 specialized commercial transport vehicles such as cabulances, stretcher  
13 vans, and wheelchair vans may transport, for comfort and convenience,  
14 individuals whose condition does not indicate that medical attention  
15 would be needed during transport.

16 (3) The department shall define by rule the terms necessary to  
17 administer this section.

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