

SHB 1837 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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

5 Other vehicles not herein defined by this chapter shall not be used
6 for transportation of patients who must be carried on a stretcher or
7 who may require medical attention en route, except that such
8 transportation may be used when:

9 (1) A disaster creates a situation that cannot be served by
10 licensed ambulances; or

11 (2) The use of a stretcher is necessary because an individual's
12 personal mobility aid cannot be adequately secured in the nonambulance
13 vehicle and the individual has written authorization from his or her
14 physician that it is safe to transfer the individual from a personal
15 mobility aid to a stretcher.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of health shall convene
17 a stakeholder group including the department of social and health
18 services, the department of transportation, and local special needs
19 transportation providers who shall assist in the development of
20 guidelines for the safe transport of individuals who rely on stretchers
21 and personal mobility devices.

22 (2) The department of health shall prepare guidelines for the
23 public and vehicle operators relating to:

24 (a) Appropriate situations in which vehicles other than ambulances
25 may be used to transport individuals who rely upon personal mobility
26 aids in the normal course of their lives; and

27 (b) Methods for properly securing personal mobility aids on
28 vehicles other than ambulances and determining if they are adequately
29 secured."

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1 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "devices;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.73.180; and creating
3 a new section."

EFFECT: Establishes a stakeholder group to assist in developing
guidelines for vehicles transporting persons using stretchers and
mobility devices.

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