

HOUSE BILL REPORT

EHB 2883

As Passed House:

March 10, 2004

Title: An act relating to specialized commercial vehicles used for patient transportation.

Brief Description: Describing specialized commercial vehicles used for patient transportation.

Sponsors: By Representatives Lovick, Murray, Dickerson, Romero and Campbell; by request of Department of Social and Health Services and Department of Health.

Brief History:

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/10/04, 95-1.

Brief Summary of Engrossed Bill

- Defines a stretcher as a cart for transporting a patient in a prone or supine position, but not including certain personal mobility aids.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority/Minority Report: None.

Staff: Chris Blake (786-7392).

Background:

Current state law requires that patients who must be carried on a stretcher or who may require medical attention be transported in ambulances or aid vehicles operated by services licensed by the Department of Health. Ambulance personnel requirements include at least one person who shall be an emergency medical technician under standards of the Department of Health.

Summary of Engrossed Bill:

A stretcher is defined as a cart commonly used in the ambulance industry for transporting

patients in a prone or supine position. The term does not include personal mobility aids that recline at an angle or remain in a flat position that are owned or leased for at least one week by the individual being transported.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.