

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1837

60th Legislature
2007 Regular Session

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Yeas 94 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 5, 2007
Yeas 48 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1837** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Newhouse, Cody and Schual-Berke)

READ FIRST TIME 02/28/07.

1 AN ACT Relating to directing the department of health to develop
2 guidelines for the safety of individuals who rely upon stretchers and
3 personal mobility devices; amending RCW 18.73.180; and creating a new
4 section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (b) Methods for properly securing personal mobility aids on
13 vehicles other than ambulances and determining if they are adequately
14 secured.

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