

CHAPTER 1230

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

H. F. 1502

AN ACT relating to transportation programs by providing technical and capital assistance to political subdivisions and public and private providers of transportation services and by providing for the receipt and disbursement of federal and private aid for public transit programs.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. NEW SECTION. For purposes of this Act, unless the context
2 otherwise requires:

3 1. "Transportation disadvantaged persons" means persons who are physically
4 or mentally handicapped persons, persons who are determined by the department
5 to be economically disadvantaged and other persons or groups determined by the
6 department to be disadvantaged in terms of the transportation services that are
7 available to them.

8 2. "Department" means the state department of transportation.

9 3. "Federal aid" means any federal grants, loans, or other federal assistance
10 whether or not state or local funds are required to match or contribute toward the
11 costs of the program for which the aid is available.

12 4. "Private aid" means any grants, loans, or other assistance available from
13 nonprofit corporations, foundations, and all private or nongovernmental sources,
14 whether or not state or local funds are required to match or contribute toward the
15 costs of the program for which the aid is available.

1 SEC. 2. NEW SECTION. The department may, at the request of a political
2 subdivision provide the following technical transportation assistance to the
3 political subdivision:

4 1. An evaluation of existing urban and rural transportation systems, including
5 but not limited to an evaluation of rolling stock, the costs of operation including
6 the costs of fuel, maintenance and personnel and the development of common
7 management and operating systems and procedures.

8 2. An analysis of existing urban and rural services provided for transportation
9 disadvantaged persons and the service needs of transportation disadvantaged
10 persons, including an evaluation of specialized equipment required to meet the
11 service needs of transportation disadvantaged persons.

1 SEC. 3. NEW SECTION. The department may at the request of a political
2 subdivision, or public and private providers of transportation services assist such
3 providers in the development of a fiscal and service plan which may be used by
4 political subdivisions to coordinate and consolidate all forms of urban and rural
5 transportation services except public school transportation, including but not
6 limited to, the following:

7 1. Senior citizen transportation.

8 2. Head start transportation.

9 3. Handicapped services.

10 4. Cab companies.

11 5. Common carriers.

12 6. Transportation services provided by private nonprofit agencies to their
13 clients or the general public.

1 SEC. 4. NEW SECTION.

2 1. The department shall compile and maintain current information on available
3 and pending federal and private aid effecting urban and rural public transit
4 programs. Public and private providers applying for aid shall furnish a copy of
5 any application for federal or private funds to be used for public transit programs

6 and such other information as the department may require pursuant to rule.
 7 2. Upon request, the department shall provide assistance to political
 8 subdivisions for federal aid applications for urban and rural public transit
 9 program aid. The department shall maintain current information reflecting the
 10 amount of federal and private aid received by political subdivisions of the state
 11 and the purpose for which such aid is received. The department shall annually
 12 prepare a report to be submitted to the general assembly, the office for planning
 13 and programming, and to the governor, prior to February first of each year,
 14 stating the receipts and disbursements made during the preceding fiscal year and
 15 the adequacy of programs financed by federal and private aid in the state. The
 16 department shall analyze the programs financed and recommend to political
 17 subdivisions methods of avoiding duplication and increasing the efficacy of
 18 programs financed.
 19 3. The department shall receive and distribute federal aid to political
 20 subdivisions unless precluded by federal statute, however the department shall not
 21 retain or redirect any portion of funds received by the department for a particular
 22 political subdivision. The department may designate the political subdivision as
 23 the direct recipient of federal aid.

1 SEC. 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of section eighteen point one hundred
 2 fifteen (18.115), subsection five (5), of the Code, vehicles and the titles to vehicles
 3 purchased by the commission on the aging with federal funds provided pursuant
 4 to Title three (III) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (Public Law eighty-nine
 5 dash seventy-three (89-73)) as amended by the Older Americans Comprehensive
 6 Services Amendments of 1973 (Public Law ninety-three dash twenty-nine (93-29))
 7 shall be transferred by the state vehicle dispatcher to local units of government
 8 and organizations specified by the commission on the aging and the state
 9 department of transportation at no cost to the local unit of government or
 10 organization.

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CHAPTER 1231

HANDICAPPED PERSONS' VEHICLES

S. F. 1067

AN ACT relating to issuance of special identification devices which may be used to identify motor vehicles operated by or being used to transport physically handicapped persons, and to use by motor vehicles so identified of specially designated parking places, and authorizing imposition of a penalty.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1975, is amended
 2 by adding the following new section:
 3 NEW SECTION. **Special identification devices for handicapped persons.**
 4 1. A special identification device bearing the international symbol of
 5 accessibility may be displayed in a motor vehicle being used, either as operator or
 6 passenger, by an individual who is confined to a wheelchair or is otherwise so
 7 physically handicapped that he or she has significant difficulty or insecurity in
 8 walking. The devices shall be of uniform design and fabricated of durable
 9 material, suitable for display from within the passenger compartment of a motor
 10 vehicle, and readily transferable from one vehicle to another. They shall be