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TRANSPORTATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to transportation of certain patients by regional
2 transit systems to the university of Iowa hospitals.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section. 1. NEW SECTION. 324A.7 TRANSPORTATION OF
2 CERTAIN PATIENTS TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS.

3 Regional transit systems established pursuant to this
4 chapter shall be the primary source of transportation for
5 patients requiring state transportation to and from the
6 university of Iowa hospitals. Regional transit systems and
7 the hospitals shall coordinate regarding transportation of
8 patients to the hospitals. Regional transit systems providing
9 transportation under this section shall be eligible for state
10 public transit assistance moneys.

11 The department, in consultation with the department of
12 human services, the department of elder affairs, and the
13 hospitals, shall adopt rules to implement this section. The
14 rules may include provisions regarding reimbursement of
15 regional transit systems, including rates for both state and
16 nonstate patients, and may include exclusion categories for
17 tax-financed transportation services reimbursement when
18 regional transportation services are available. The rules
19 shall include provisions allowing for public transport of
20 other public paying or nonpaying passengers to include
21 passengers from county care facilities and other care
22 facilities.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill requires regional transit systems to be the
25 primary source of transportation of patients to the university
26 of Iowa hospitals for public care. Currently, patients are
27 transported in hospital vehicles. The bill also provides that
28 the department of transportation is to adopt rules regarding
29 the implementation and operation of regional transport of
30 patients. The rules may include rules relating to funding and
31 coordination between the hospitals and regional transit
32 systems.

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