



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\*

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The table below summarizes the specific differences between the House-passed version of the bill and the version of the bill adopted in the Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee. The general purpose of the House-passed version was to create a specific exemption for taxicabs and transportation network companies (TNC, such as Uber) from the emergency/nonemergency vehicle licensure requirements when transporting a person who requires the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid. While the Senate Committee version still includes an exemption for taxicabs and TNCs, the bill focuses more on clarifying current law as to when and where the emergency/nonemergency vehicle licensure requirements apply.

Topic	Previous Version (As Passed by the House)	Reported Version (As Reported by S. Transportation, Commerce and Workforce )
<b>Emergency medical transportation</b>	Retains current law, which is not clear with regard to when a license to provide emergency transportation services is required and when a license to provide nonemergency transportation services is required (R.C. 4766.04(A)).	Clarifies current law by specifying that a person can engage in the business or service of providing <i>emergency</i> medical transportation only if both of the following apply: (1) The person is licensed by the Board of Emergency, Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services as an emergency medical service organization or an air medical service organization; and (2) The individual being transported is experiencing a medical emergency (R.C. 4766.04(A)(1)).

\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

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<b>Nonemergency medical transportation</b>	Retains current law, which is not clear with regard to when a license to provide emergency transportation services is required and when a license to provide nonemergency transportation services is required (R.C. 4766.04(A)).	Clarifies current law by specifying that a person can engage in the business or service of providing <i>nonemergency</i> medical transportation only if all of the following apply: (1) The person is licensed by the Board as a nonemergency medical service organization; (2) The individual being transported requires the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid; (3) The individual being transported is <i>not</i> experiencing a medical emergency; and (4) The person is being transported between specified locations (see below) (R.C. 4766.04(A)(2)).
<b>Locations requiring licensure for nonemergency medical transportation</b>	No provision.	As indicated above, specifies that a license is required for nonemergency medical transportation of a person who requires the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid <i>between</i> the following locations: (1) A hospital; (2) An emergency department; (3) A dialysis center; (4) A long-term care facility, including a nursing home; (5) A surgical facility; (6) An inpatient rehabilitation facility; (7) A memory care center; (8) A health care practitioner's office; and (9) Any other licensed inpatient facility (R.C. 4766.04(A)(2)).

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<p><b>Exemption from chapter licensing requirements</b></p>	<p>Exempts (1) a taxicab or other similar vehicle for hire, and (2) a vehicle owned or operated by a transportation network company or transportation network company driver (e.g., Uber) from licensing requirements <i>whenever</i> such vehicles are transporting an individual whose physical condition requires the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid (R.C. 4766.01(R)(2) and 4766.09(P)).</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Exempts a taxicab or a vehicle providing transportation network company services operated by a transportation network company driver from the licensing requirements, <i>unless</i> it is transporting a person under conditions that require licensure (R.C. 4766.09(P)).</p> <p>Exempts a vehicle providing transportation services for a private adult day habilitation services company, <i>unless</i> it is transporting a person under the conditions that require licensure (R.C. 4766.09(Q)).</p>