

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24836

This statutory amendment changes the payments from a voucher reimbursement system to a payment authorization program allowing the Idaho Division of Veterans Services to enter into agreements with commercial transportation vendors or others to provide or administer the transportation services to eligible wheelchair-confined veterans.

In addition to medical appointment transportation, this amendment would further provide payment authorization to eligible wheelchair-confined veterans who have no other means of transportation for purposes of meeting basic needs or other necessities of daily life to include, but not limit to, activities related to securing food, clothing, shelter, fuel, medication, veteran benefits, or financial needs.

FISCAL NOTE

Currently there is an ongoing appropriation built into the base of this budget in the amount of \$7,000. The Division would assess the eligible veteran service demand statewide based on the proposed amendments. Once reassessed, the Division may request an increase to the \$7,000 in our FY2019 budget based on need but not to exceed the 2002 original \$30,000 appropriation.

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