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H.B. No. 4614

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to compensation for habilitation transportation services
3 under the community living assistance and support services (CLASS)
4 waiver program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 32.079 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 32.079. COMMUNITY LIVING AND SUPPORT SERVICES (CLASS)
9 PROGRAM: HABILITATION TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. To the extent
10 permitted by federal law, an individual who provides habilitation
11 transportation services to a recipient under the community living
12 assistance and support services (CLASS) waiver program is entitled
13 to compensation for all time spent operating a motor vehicle in
14 connection with transporting a recipient, including time spent
15 returning a recipient's vehicle to a designated location without
16 the recipient as a passenger.

17 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
18 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
19 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
20 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
21 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
22 waiver or authorization is granted.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.