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H.B. No. 1724

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to compensation for habilitation transportation services under the community living assistance and support services (CLASS) waiver program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 546, Government Code, as effective April 1, 2025, is amended by adding Subchapter J-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER J-1. COMMUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES  
(CLASS) WAIVER PROGRAM

Sec. 546.0472. HABILITATION TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. To the extent permitted by federal law, an individual who provides habilitation transportation services to a recipient under the community living assistance and support services (CLASS) waiver program is entitled to compensation for all time spent operating a motor vehicle in connection with transporting a recipient, including time spent returning a recipient's vehicle to a designated location without the recipient as a passenger.

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.