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# S. 1940

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 16, 2014

Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Recruiting Individuals  
5       to Drive Our Elders Act of 2014” or the “RIDE Act of  
6       2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR NO-LOAD TRAVEL COSTS IN-**  
 2 **CURRED BY VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING NON-**  
 3 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION TO**  
 4 **MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
 6 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and  
 7 Human Services shall publish an interim final rule to re-  
 8 vise the Medicaid transportation regulations at sections  
 9 431.53 and 440.170 of title 42, Code of Federal Regula-  
 10 tions, as necessary, to allow a State plan for medical as-  
 11 sistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act to pro-  
 12 vide, at the option of the State, reimbursement for costs  
 13 attributable to providing no-load volunteer travel services  
 14 to individuals eligible for medical assistance under the  
 15 State plan who require transportation to receive non-emer-  
 16 gency medical treatment.

17 (b) NO-LOAD VOLUNTEER TRAVEL SERVICE.—For  
 18 purposes of subsection (a), the term “no-load volunteer  
 19 travel service” means travel services that—

20 (1) are provided by a person who, as deter-  
 21 mined by a State, local, or tribal government, pro-  
 22 vides such services on a volunteer basis (referred to  
 23 in this subsection as a “volunteer”); and

24 (2) are necessary for the volunteer to—

25 (A) travel from the originating location of  
 26 the volunteer to the location of an individual

1           who is eligible for medical assistance under the  
2           State Medicaid plan and requires transportation  
3           to receive non-emergency medical treatment (in-  
4           cluding, for purposes of an individual who re-  
5           quested transportation to receive non-emer-  
6           gency medical treatment and subsequently re-  
7           fused such transportation or was not present at  
8           the requested pick-up location, any travel that  
9           is necessary for the volunteer to return to their  
10          originating location);

11                 (B) for purposes of an individual who has  
12           been provided transportation by the volunteer  
13           to receive non-emergency medical treatment and  
14           is required to remain at the treatment location  
15           overnight or for an extended period of time (as  
16           determined appropriate by a State, local, or  
17           tribal government), return to the originating lo-  
18           cation of the volunteer and, following the com-  
19           pletion of such treatment, travel back to the  
20           treatment location; and

21                 (C) following any transportation that is  
22           necessary to return an individual who has re-  
23           ceived non-emergency medical treatment to

- 1 their pick-up location, return to the originating
- 2 location of the volunteer.

