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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 26-36—sHB 5421

Appropriations Committee

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE PATIENT LIFTS
TO CERTAIN HEALTH CARE OFFICES AND FACILITIES**

SUMMARY: This act creates a separate, nonlapsing “health care facility patient lift account” to be administered by the state treasurer. The Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner must use the account to make grants to health care offices or facilities (see below) to buy patient lifts for transferring patients who are elderly or who have disabilities, injuries, or chronic health conditions from facility beds to wheelchairs or other equipment. The commissioner (1) must not make any grant that exceeds the account’s available balance and (2) may use up to 2% of the account’s balance in any fiscal year to pay the department’s costs for administering the account.

The account must contain (1) any amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by the state for these purposes; (2) any moneys required by law to be deposited in it; and (3) gifts, grants, donations, or bequests made for these purposes. The account’s investment earnings become part of its assets.

Under the act, DPH may make grants to physician offices; radiological facilities; imaging centers; hospitals, including chronic disease hospitals; outpatient clinics; nursing homes; residential care homes; home health care or home health aide agencies; hospice facilities or agencies; assisted living services agencies; and certain intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

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