



House of Representatives

File No. 753

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5421
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 30, 2026

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) There is established a
2 separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the "health care facility
3 patient lift account". The account shall contain (1) any amounts
4 appropriated or otherwise made available by the state for the purposes
5 of this section, (2) any moneys required by law to be deposited in the
6 account, and (3) gifts, grants, donations or bequests made for the
7 purposes of this section. Investment earnings credited to the assets of
8 the account shall become part of the assets of the account. The State
9 Treasurer shall administer the account.

10 (b) All moneys deposited in the account shall be used by the
11 Department of Public Health for the purposes of this section. The
12 Commissioner of Public Health may deduct and retain from the moneys
13 in the account an amount equal to the costs incurred by the department

14 in administering the provisions of this section, except said amount shall
15 not exceed two per cent of the balance of the account in any fiscal year.

16 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall use the health care
17 facility patient lift account to make grants to offices of a practice of one
18 or more physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general
19 statutes, radiological facilities, imaging centers or health care facilities,
20 as defined in section 19a-490dd of the general statutes, to purchase
21 patient lifts to be used to transfer elderly persons, persons with
22 disabilities or persons with injuries or chronic health conditions from
23 facility beds to wheelchairs or other equipment. The commissioner shall
24 not make any grant that exceeds the balance available for grants in the
25 account.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a separate, nonlapsing grant account to support health care facility purchases of patient lifts, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state. The Department of Public Health has sufficient resources to administer the account.

House "A" limits the grant account established by the bill to purchases of patient lifts and expands eligible grantees to include physician practices, radiological facilities, and imaging centers. These changes have no fiscal impact.

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OFA Bill Analysis**sHB 5421*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill creates the health care facility patient lift account as a separate, nonlapsing account administered by the State Treasurer.

The account must contain: (1) relevant appropriations or funding otherwise made available by the state; (2) any money required by law to be deposited in the account; and (3) relevant gifts, grants, donations or bequests. Any investment earnings credited to the assets of the account must also be included in the assets of the account.

Under the bill, the Department of Public Health (DPH) must use the account's funds to provide grants to licensed physician offices, radiological facilities, imaging centers or health care facilities to purchase patient lifts. These lifts are to be used to transfer elderly persons, persons with disabilities or persons with injuries or chronic health conditions from facility beds to wheelchairs or other equipment.

DPH may deduct and retain an amount equal to the costs incurred to award such grants, up to two percent of the account's balance annually.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 51 Nay 0 (04/01/2026)