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## Senate Bill 439

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to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and

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A BILL to amend and reenact §24A-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 to exempting vehicles engaged in nonemergency transportation of Medicaid members by
 centers for independent living from permit requirements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

### **ARTICLE 1. PURPOSES, DEFINITIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS.**

#### §24A-1-3. Exemptions from chapter.

The provisions of this chapter, except where specifically otherwise provided, do not apply
 to:

3 (1) Motor vehicles operated exclusively in the transportation of United States mail or in the
4 transportation of newspapers: *Provided,* That the vehicles and their operators are subject to the
5 safety rules promulgated by the commission;

6 (2) Motor vehicles owned and operated by the United States of America, the State of West 7 Virginia or any county, municipality or county board of education, urban mass transportation 8 authority established and maintained pursuant to §8-27-1 *et seq.* of this code or by any of their 9 departments, and any motor vehicles operated under a contract with a county board of education 10 exclusively for the transportation of children to and from school or other legitimate transportation 11 for the schools as the commission may specifically authorize;

12 (3) Motor vehicles used exclusively in the transportation of agricultural or horticultural 13 products, livestock, poultry and dairy products from the farm or orchard on which they are raised 14 or produced to markets, processing plants, packing houses, canneries, railway shipping points 15 and cold storage plants, and in the transportation of agricultural or horticultural supplies to farms 16 or orchards where they are to be used: *Provided*, That the vehicles that are exempted by this 17 subdivision and are also operated by common carriers by motor vehicle or contract carriers by 18 motor vehicle, and their operators are subject to the safety and insurance rules promulgated by 19 the commission;

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(4) Motor vehicles used exclusively in the transportation of human or animal excreta;

(5) Motor vehicles used exclusively in ambulance service or duly chartered rescue squad
service;

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(6) Motor vehicles used exclusively for volunteer fire department service;

(7) Motor vehicles used exclusively in the transportation of coal from mining operations to loading facilities for further shipment by rail or water carriers: *Provided*, That the vehicles and their operators are subject to the safety rules promulgated by the commission and the vehicles that are exempted by this subdivision and are also operated by common carriers by motor vehicle or contract carriers by motor vehicle, and their operators are subject to the insurance rules promulgated by the commission;

30 (8) Motor vehicles used by petroleum commission agents and oil distributors solely for the 31 transportation of petroleum products and related automotive products when the transportation is 32 incidental to the business of selling the products: *Provided*, That the vehicles and their operators 33 are subject to the safety rules promulgated by the commission and the vehicles that are exempted 34 by this subdivision and are also operated by common carriers by motor vehicle or contract carriers 35 by motor vehicle, and their operators are subject to the insurance rules promulgated by the 36 commission;

37 (9) Motor vehicles owned, leased by or leased to any person and used exclusively for the 38 transportation of processed source-separated recycled materials generated by commercial, 39 institutional and industrial customers, transported free of charge or by a nonprofit recycling 40 cooperative association in accordance with §19-4-1(d)(1) of this code from the customers to a 41 facility for further processing: Provided. That the vehicles and their operators shall be subject to the safety rules promulgated by the commission and the vehicles that are exempted by this 42 43 subdivision and are also operated by common carriers by motor vehicle or contract carriers by 44 motor vehicle, and their operators are subject to the insurance rules promulgated by the 45 commission;

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(10) Motor vehicles specifically preempted from state economic regulation of intrastate

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47 motor carrier operations by the provisions of 49 U. S. C. §14501 as amended by Title I, Section 48 103 of the federal Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995: *Provided*, That the 49 vehicles and their operators are subject to the safety regulations promulgated by the commission 50 and the vehicles that are exempted by this subdivision and are also operated by common carriers 51 by motor vehicle or contract carriers by motor vehicle, and their operators are subject to the 52 insurance rules promulgated by the commission;

(11) Motor vehicles designated by the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services for use
and operation by local county aging programs: *Provided*, That the vehicles and their operators
are subject to the safety rules promulgated by the commission;

56 (12) Motor vehicles designated by the West Virginia Division of Public Transit operated by 57 organizations that receive federal grants from the Federal Transit Administration: *Provided*, That 58 the vehicles and their operators are subject to the safety and insurance rules promulgated by the 59 commission;

(13) Motor vehicles used exclusively in the nonemergency medical transportation of
 Medicaid members <u>by centers for independent living and by</u> including those under contract with
 any broker authorized by the Bureau for Medical Services: *Provided*, That these vehicles and their
 operators shall be subject to the safety rules promulgated by the commission; and
 (14) Common carriers or contract carriers engaged in the business of transporting

65 household goods and motor vehicles used exclusively in the transportation of household goods.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt vehicles engaged in nonemergency medical transportation of Medicaid members from Public Service Commission permit requirements.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.

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