Bill as Introduced

HB 457 – AS INTRODUCED

2003 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **457**

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SPONSORS: Rep. G. Katsakiores, Rock 77; Rep. Letourneau, Rock 77; Rep. Gleason, Rock 77

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

Easter Seals
Granite State Indep. Living.

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Elderly / handicapped

George Katsakiores ~~Halsample~~ ~~weldy~~ ~~French~~ ~~Seldin~~ ~~Shattis~~ ~~Weldy~~

Letourneau ~~Pilliod~~ ~~Batula~~ ~~Seldin~~

McIver ~~Seldin~~ ~~Price~~

We can agree, as a health committee, that the policy and need may be out there but more input is needed in the transportation area.

~~We need~~ to Transportation

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need transportation committee to examine the potential demands of a recommendation.

Door to Door transit service

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Speakers

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To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 457 Date _____

Committee HHS

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Curtis J. Barry	228 3322		N.H. Transit Assoc.	X	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 457

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study the transportation needs of certain of the state's citizens.

DATE: February 4, 2003

LOB ROOM: 205 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 2:35 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 3:15 p.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Batula, Dalrymple, Chabot, Joseph Manning, P. Katsakiores, Pilliod, Wendelboe, MacKay, S. Eaton, Barry, C. Brown, Daniels, McMahon, Price, Weldy, French, Seldin, Harris, Sokol, Shultis and Miller.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. G. Katsakiores, Letourneau, Gleason

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. George Katsakiores, prime sponsor. Introduced the bill and spoke in favor of its passage. He spoke of a number of individuals who, for a variety of reasons, are disadvantaged citizens in need of public transportation. He was impressed with the model that the State of Florida developed for its public transportation system which he used in the preparation of HB 457. He said that he would be pleased to provide the Florida statute, if needed. A central principle would be to develop a statewide governmental unit to oversee the provision of services statewide. Rep. Dalrymple (Question): I don't think that New Hampshire is comparable to Florida. Have you looked at other states? Is it comparable to the Massachusetts Ride program? (Answer): I haven't looked into other states and do not know about the Massachusetts program. Rep. Batula (Question): A number of agencies already provide transportation services (e.g., Easter Seals, Granite State, and others). What is different about this? (Answer): The program would focus on the coordination of services. Rep. Batula (Question): If this required Medicaid money, isn't this a difficult time to be seeking those funds? (Answer): The federal government should be providing grant funds to the State. Rep. French (Question): Is this specifically for the disadvantaged? Would it also be for other programs? (Answer): That is the purpose of the study. Rep. Seldin (Question): Should the study be of county systems, or statewide? (Answer): This should be an administrative unit studying transportation services statewide. Rep. Seldin (Question): Would this be a door-to-door system? (Answer): It could be, by reservation or fixed route. Rep. Shultis (Question): Would this fit into existing public transportation systems like the one on the Seacoast? (Answer): Those are public transportation systems – these are specialized programs. Rep. Weldy (Question): Sounds like this is an alternative to a public transportation system? (Answer): This would be door-to-door. Rep. Batula (Question): Is it agreeable to you if we send this to the Committee on Transportation? (Answer): It is okay with me.

Rep. Robert Letourneau, co-sponsor. Spoke in favor and emphasized the importance of a statewide system for the disadvantaged. Rep. Pilliod (Question): Are you aware that Laconia already has a bus

system that goes door-to-door? (Answer): What is being done in Laconia is a good example of what should be done statewide. Rep. Batula (Question): Is this going to include private companies – taxi cabs, etc.? (Answer): The advantage to this is a centralized ability to have a grant writing capacity. Rep. Seldin (Question): Grant writers are expensive. Where would the money come from? (Answer): The end result is what the study committee recommends.

Mickey McIver, Director, CAT (Concord Area Transit), operating out of CAP. He supports the bill. He said that it was important to collaborate and share resources. Some bus systems are underutilized. Door-to-door systems are expensive. A statewide system can bring together a coordinated system utilizing resources for as many individuals as possible. There is a need for coordination among agencies that provide transportation for a specific type of client, e.g. the elderly. Medicaid provides barriers to payment. Paperwork is prohibitive and processed slowly. Rep. Seldin (Question): I am concerned about empty buses. (Answer): He indicated that the usage numbers are increasing dramatically year after year. Rep. Price (Question): How many in New Hampshire have no access to transportation services? (Answer): I don't have those numbers.

Pink Cards:
- ✓ Rep. George Katsakiores, prime sponsor. Supports the bill.
- ✓ Rep. Bob Letourneau, co-sponsor. Supports the bill.
- ✓ Mickey McIver, representing Concord Area Transit, PO Box 611, Concord 03302. 225-1989. Supports the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. James R. MacKay
Committee Clerk

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Exec Session

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Vote 16-1

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DATE: February 5, 2003

LOB ROOM: 205

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. MacKay

Seconded by Rep. Dalrymple

Vote: 16-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: YES

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. James R. MacKay, Clerk

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MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Batula. Peter L. Chairman		
Dalrymple. Janeen A. V Chairman	✓	
Chabot. Robert F	✓	
Manning. Joseph P	absent	
Katsakiores. Phyllis M		✓
Pilliod. James P	✓	
Wendelboe. Fran	absent	
MacKay. James R	✓	
Eaton. Stephanie	✓	
Barry. J Gail	✓	
Brown. Carolyn A	✓	
Daniels. Eric M	✓	
McMahon. Charles E	✓	
Price. Pamela G	✓	
Weldy. Norman E	✓	
French. Barbara C	✓	
Seldin. Gloria	✓	
Harris. Sandra C	absent	
Sokol. Hilda W	✓	
Shultis. Elizabeth C	✓	
Miller. Joseph M	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	16	1

Consent ~~Calendar~~

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

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BILL NUMBER: **HB 457**

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☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

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☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

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(Include Committee Vote)

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Vote 16-1.

Rep. James R. MacKay
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

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Rep. Wm Kay

Botsford

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Mac Kay

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FOR THE COMMITTEE

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