174,315 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION; AMBULANCE SERVICE PROHIBITED.

Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** Special transportation services shall not provide or offer transportation to persons who might reasonably require ambulance service, as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 3, while in the special transportation vehicle. The commissioner of transportation shall investigate all complaints alleging violations of this section. When requested, the commissioner of health shall assist the commissioner of transportation in determining whether a violation occurred.

- Subd. 2. **Data classified.** Data relating to an individual's physical condition or medical treatment collected, received, or maintained by the Department of Transportation under this section are private data on individuals. The commissioner of transportation may disclose data classified as private data on individuals to the commissioner of health to the extent necessary to determine if a violation of this section occurred.
- Subd. 3. **Penalties.** Notwithstanding section 174.30, subdivision 8, the commissioner of transportation may issue an order assessing a monetary penalty of up to \$10,000 for a violation of this section. The minimum penalty for a third violation of this section within three years shall be revocation of the certificate issued under section 174.30, subdivision 4a. A person whose certificate is revoked under this section may appeal the commissioner's action in a contested case proceeding under chapter 14.

History: 1990 c 556 s 3; 1995 c 155 s 9; 1997 c 199 s 14