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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill increases special transportation service reimbursement rates, modifies service criteria, and extends by one year the prohibition on using a broker or coordinator to manage special transportation services.

#### Section

- 1** **Transportation costs.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 17. Requires special transportation providers to take recipients to health care providers using the quickest route available (current law requires use of the most direct route). Increases special transportation service mileage reimbursement rates from \$1.35 to \$1.75 per mile for services provided to persons who need a wheelchair-accessible van and from \$1.30 to \$1.40 per mile for services provided to persons who do not need a wheelchair-accessible van.
- 2** **Review of special transportation eligibility criteria and potential cost savings.** Amends Laws 2003, First Special Session, chapter 14, article 12, section 93, as amended. Extends the prohibition on the commissioner using a broker or coordinator to manage special transportation services by one year, until July 1, 2007. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2006.