
OFA Bill Analysis

HB 5421

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

SUMMARY:

The bill creates the health care facility durable medical equipment 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 health care facilities for the purchase of durable medical equipment used by elderly persons or persons with disabilities. Qualifying durable medical equipment includes wheelchairs, scooters, canes, walkers, crutches, commode chairs, hospital beds, and patient lifts.

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)