

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Given, under my hand and seal this 11th day of
 [SEAL] January, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine
 hundred and seventy-nine, and of the Independence of
 the United States, the two hundredth and third.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,
Governor.

Attest:

ROBERT E. MULCAHY, III,
Chief of Staff, Secretary.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 70

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of New Jersey to provide specialized transportation services for its elderly and handicapped persons in a coordinated and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, Several State agencies, local agencies, and private organizations are involved in either the distribution of funds or in the provision of special transportation programs for the elderly and handicapped; and

WHEREAS, The Program Coordination subcommittee of the Title XX Advisory Committee (a citizen advisory committee with statewide representation) recommended better coordination of transportation resources and identified the major barriers to that coordination; and

WHEREAS, Various State agencies have been working with the State's counties to establish a coordinated, consolidated, efficient transportation delivery system for elderly and handicapped persons; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive review and identification of the programs and agencies involved in providing transportation services would aid in eliminating inefficient services and improving transportation for the elderly and handicapped;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brendan Byrne, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. There is hereby created a Task Force on Transportation Services for Elderly and Handicapped Citizens ("the Task Force"). The members of the Committee shall be the Commissioners of the Departments of Transportation, Human Services, Health, Labor and Industry, Energy, Education, Community Affairs and the Treasury, or their designated representatives, and such other persons as the Governor may designate. A member of the Governor's Disabilities Council shall serve as an ex officio representative to the Task Force. The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation shall serve as the Chairperson of the Committee.

2. The objective of the Task Force will be to reduce the current inefficiencies in the utilization of effective and efficient transportation services for the elderly and handicapped and to assist in the establishment of coordinated transportation programs at the county level.

3. The Committee will identify all State agencies, local agencies, and private organizations involved in the distribution of funds, including the identification of the source of these funds, or in the provision of special transportation programs for the elderly and handicapped in order to establish a coordinated transportation program which consolidates funding and services and utilizes vehicles in a cost-effective manner.

4. The Committee shall review relevant legislation and administrative regulations concerning transportation services for the elderly and handicapped. The Committee shall advise the Governor on possible legislative or administrative revisions which would provide more effective and efficient transportation services for the elderly and handicapped.

5. The Committee or its representatives shall meet with county and local government officials and other interested public and private organizations and persons to discuss the possible coordination and consolidation of transportation programs for elderly and handicapped citizens.

6. The Committee shall:

(a) Review the impact of current federal laws and regulations relating to the provision of easier access to transportation facilities for handicapped persons;

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(b) Assess the benefits which this program may provide to handicapped persons and the fiscal implications of its implementation to State, county and local governments and agencies;

(c) Recommend State policy concerning the current federal program;

(d) Recommend possible methods of implementation; and

(e) Identify existing or potential funding sources for full implementation.

7. The Committee shall render to the Governor a report of its findings and recommendations by October 15, 1979.

8. (a) The Committee is authorized to call upon any department, office, division or agency of the State to supply such data, program reports, and other information, personnel and assistance as it deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order.

(b) All departments and agencies are authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Committee and to furnish it with such information, personnel, and assistance necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

9. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 23rd day of
[SEAL] January, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine
hundred and seventy-nine, and of the Independence of
the United States, the two hundredth and third.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,
Governor.

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