

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 4, 2001

AN ACT

1 Providing for the availability of and access to a comprehensive
2 trauma care system; AND imposing powers and duties upon the <—
3 Department of Health.; ~~and making an appropriation.~~ <—

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
8 Trauma Systems Stabilization Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

1 "Trauma care." Medical services provided to a person with
2 severe multisystem or unisystem injury, which has the potential
3 to produce mortality or major disability.

4 "Trauma center." A hospital accredited as a Level I or Level
5 II or pediatric trauma center by the Pennsylvania Trauma System
6 Foundation under the act of July 3, 1985 (P.L.164, No.45), known
7 as the Emergency Medical Services Act.

8 Section 3. Grants to trauma centers.

9 The department shall make grants to each trauma center in
10 this Commonwealth to provide financial assistance to assure
11 readily available and coordinated trauma care services of the
12 highest quality to the people of this Commonwealth. Each
13 accredited trauma center shall receive the same proportional
14 amount of ~~the available funds appropriated in this act~~ AVAILABLE <—
15 FUNDS.

16 Section 4. Regulation and duties.

17 (a) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate
18 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

19 (b) Grants.--The Secretary of Health shall have the power
20 and duty to administer this grant program.

21 (c) Reports.--The department shall annually report to the
22 Public Health and Welfare Committee and Banking and Insurance
23 Committee of the Senate and the Health and Human Services
24 Committee and Insurance Committee of the House of
25 Representatives on the programs funded by these grants. The
26 report shall identify the trauma centers receiving such grants
27 under this act, the amount of the grant received, the number of
28 persons served and any other information that should be brought
29 to the attention of the General Assembly on the availability of
30 trauma care services to the citizens of this Commonwealth.

1 ~~Section 5. Appropriation.~~

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2 ~~The sum of \$18,000,000 shall be appropriated to the~~
3 ~~Department of Health to carry out the provisions of this act.~~

4 Section 6 5. Effective date.

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5 This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.