
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator White to Engrossed House Concurrent Resolution No. 92 by Representative Willmott

AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 5, after "emergencies" insert "and for rules to add Level IV trauma centers
3 to the state trauma system"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 2, line 8, after "possible" delete "." and insert "; and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 2, between lines 8 and 9, insert:

8 "WHEREAS, it is imperative for the public's health and well-being that Level IV
9 trauma centers be added to Louisiana's state trauma system."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 3, between lines 10 and 11, and insert:

12 "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department in consultation with the
13 Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN), the Louisiana Hospital Association, and
14 the Louisiana State Medical Society shall promulgate rules and regulations for certification
15 of trauma centers based upon national guidelines, including but not limited to those
16 established by the American College of Surgeons in Hospital and Pre-Hospital Resources
17 for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient and any published appendices thereto, and may
18 include, but are not limited to, the following standards:

19 (1) Specify the number and types of trauma patients for whom such centers must
20 provide care in order to ensure that such centers will have sufficient experience and expertise
21 to be able to provide quality care for victims of injury.

22 (2) Specify the resources and equipment needed by such centers.

23 (3) Include standards and guidelines for triage and transportation of trauma patients
24 prior to care in designated trauma centers.

25 (4) Specify procedures for the certification and evaluation of designated trauma
26 centers.

27 (5) Include procedures for the receipt, recording of, and disposition of complaints.

28 (6) Provide for the right of appeal for those health care facilities for which
29 certification has been refused.

30 (7) Provide for the verification and certification of trauma center status which assign
31 level designations based on resources available within the applicable facility.

32 (8) Provide that LERN may fund the provision of data to the state trauma registry
33 in accordance with the registry's adopted rules, requirements, and reporting cycle.

34 (9) Provide that certified trauma centers participate in LERN regional commissions
35 and LERN regional and state-level trauma system performance improvement and injury
36 prevention activities per American College of Surgeons guidelines once adequate funding
37 has been secured by the certified trauma center.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the regulations be consistent with the guidelines
39 for verification of trauma centers specified by the American College of Surgeons.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the regulations require health care facilities
41 applying for certification as a Level I, II, or III trauma center to obtain a verification site visit
42 through the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons and that they
43 require health care facilities applying for certification as a Level IV trauma center to obtain
44 a verification site visit through the Committee on Trauma of the American College of

1 Surgeons or an attestation site visit through the Louisiana Emergency Response Network
2 (LERN).

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall designate and certify a
4 health care facility as a Level I, II, or III trauma center when the legal requirements have
5 been fulfilled and upon verification from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) that the
6 facility has met ACS trauma center criteria for Level I, II, or III.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall designate and certify a
8 health care facility as a Level IV trauma center when the legal requirements have been
9 fulfilled, and upon receipt of one of the following:

10 (1) A verification from the ACS that the facility has met ACS trauma center
11 criteria for Level IV.

12 (2) A certification from LERN that the facility has met LERN trauma center
13 criteria for Level IV and that LERN's Level IV trauma center criteria shall be the same or
14 substantially similar to the ACS's Level IV trauma center criteria.

15 (3) The "trauma center" label shall be reserved exclusively for hospitals with
16 state-issued trauma center certification.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall issue standard forms for
18 applications and for inspection reports, after consultation with LERN and other appropriate
19 organizations."