

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 411

BY SENATORS WHITE AND BARROW

HEALTH CARE. Provides relative to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network.
(8/1/22)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2841, 2842(3), 2843(A), 2844(B)(3), (17), (20), and (23), (C),
3 and (D), and 2845(A)(1) and (2)(b) and (C)(1), relative to the Louisiana Emergency
4 Response Network; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for definitions; to
5 provide for the Louisiana Emergency Response Network; to provide for the
6 governing board; to provide for an annual report; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:2841, 2842(3), 2843(A), 2844(B)(3), (17), (20), and (23), (C), and
9 (D), and 2845(A)(1) and (2)(b) and (C)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §2841. Legislative purpose

12 The legislature declares that in order to safeguard the public health, safety,
13 and welfare of the people of this state against unnecessary trauma and time-sensitive
14 related deaths and incidents of morbidity due to trauma, **stroke, and ST-segment**
15 **myocardial infarction (STEMI)**, a comprehensive, coordinated statewide system
16 for access to regional ~~trauma-patient~~ **trauma, stroke, and STEMI patient** care
17 throughout the state be established. This system shall be compatible and interfaced

1 with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

2 §2842. Definitions

3 As used in this Chapter the following terms shall have the following
4 meanings:

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6 (3) "Louisiana Emergency Response Network" (LERN) means the statewide
7 system of regional ~~trauma-patient~~ **trauma, stroke, and STEMI patient** care that is
8 an organized, seamless, coordinated effort among each component of care including
9 pre-hospital, acute care, post-acute care, rehabilitation, and injury prevention in a
10 defined geographic area which provides access to local health systems for time-
11 sensitive patient care treatment and is integrated with local public health systems and
12 the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

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14 §2843. Louisiana Emergency Response Network; creation; domicile

15 A. The Louisiana Emergency Response Network is hereby created as a
16 network which, through its board, shall direct the efforts to decrease ~~trauma-related~~
17 **trauma, stroke, and STEMI-related** deaths and incidents of morbidity and
18 mortality due to trauma, **stroke, and STEMI** in Louisiana. By maximizing the
19 integrated delivery of optimal resources for patients who ultimately need acute
20 trauma, **stroke, and STEMI** care, the network shall address the daily demands of
21 trauma, **stroke, and STEMI** care and form the basis for disaster preparedness. The
22 resources required for each component of the system shall be clearly identified,
23 deployed, and studied to ensure that all injured patients gain access to the appropriate
24 level of care in a timely, coordinated, and cost-effective manner.

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26 §2844. Governing board; membership, appointment, terms, compensation, vacancies

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28 B. The network shall be governed by a board of twenty-nine members which
29 shall include:

interfaced with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Proposed law retains present law and expands the scope to include patient care for strokes and ST-segment myocardial infarction (STEMI).

Present law provides for a governing board of 29 members and provides for the qualifications of the membership. Proposed law changes the nominating entity for the member representing hospitals with 100 beds or more from the Metropolitan Hospital Council of New Orleans to the La. Hospital Association. Proposed law further removes the 211 member of the La. Alliance of Information and Referral Systems and adds one EMS practitioner from a list of nominees submitted by the La. Association of Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician.

Present law provides that all members of the board shall serve terms of three years except for the terms of the initial board members. Proposed law retains present law and repeals outdated language relative to the initial terms.

Present law provides for the establishment and maintenance of a statewide trauma system, which shall include a centralized communication center for resource coordination of medical capabilities for participating trauma centers and emergency medical services. Proposed law retains present law and expands the scope to include participating stroke and STEMI centers.

Present law provides for an annual written report to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare at least 30 days prior to each regular session which shall include a summary of the data relevant to the goals of present law and all other information relevant to trauma-patient care and its delivery in this state through the network. Proposed law retains present law and expands the scope to include data regarding patient care for strokes and STEMI.

(Amends R.S. 40:2841, 2842(3), 2843(A), 2844(B)(3), (17), (20), and (23), (C), and (D), and 2845(A)(1) and (2)(b) and (C)(1))