2022 Regular Session

**ACT No. 123** 

#### SENATE BILL NO. 411

## BY SENATORS WHITE AND BARROW

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2841, 2842(3), 2843(A), 2844(B)(3), (15), (16), (17), (20),
3	and (23), (C), and (D), and 2845(A)(1) and (2)(b) and (C)(1), relative to the
4	Louisiana Emergency Response Network; to provide for legislative purpose; to
5	provide for definitions; to provide for the Louisiana Emergency Response Network;
6	to provide for the governing board; to provide for an annual report; and to provide
7	for related matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 40:2841, 2842(3), 2843(A), 2844(B)(3), (15), (16), (17), (20), and
10	(23), (C), and (D), and 2845(A)(1) and (2)(b) and (C)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted
11	to read as follows:
12	§2841. Legislative purpose
13	The legislature declares that in order to safeguard the public health, safety,
14	and welfare of the people of this state against unnecessary trauma and time-sensitive
15	related deaths and incidents of morbidity due to trauma, stroke, and ST-segment
16	myocardial infarction (STEMI), a comprehensive, coordinated statewide system
17	for access to regional trauma-patient trauma, stroke, and STEMI patient care
18	throughout the state be established. This system shall be compatible and interfaced
19	with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.
20	§2842. Definitions
21	As used in this Chapter the following terms shall have the following
22	meanings:
23	* * *
24	(3) "Louisiana Emergency Response Network" (LERN) means the statewide
25	system of regional <del>trauma-patient</del> <b>trauma, stroke, and STEMI patient</b> care that is
26	an organized, seamless, coordinated effort among each component of care including

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1	pre-hospital, acute care, post-acute care, rehabilitation, and injury prevention in a
2	defined geographic area which provides access to local health systems for time-
3	sensitive patient care treatment and is integrated with local public health systems and
4	the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.
5	* * *
6	§2843. Louisiana Emergency Response Network; creation; domicile
7	A. The Louisiana Emergency Response Network is hereby created as a
8	network which, through its board, shall direct the efforts to decrease trauma-related
9	trauma, stroke, and STEMI-related deaths and incidents of morbidity and
10	mortality due to trauma, stroke, and STEMI in Louisiana. By maximizing the
11	integrated delivery of optimal resources for patients who ultimately need acute
12	trauma, stroke, and STEMI care, the network shall address the daily demands of
13	trauma, stroke, and STEMI care and form the basis for disaster preparedness. The
14	resources required for each component of the system shall be clearly identified,
15	deployed, and studied to ensure that all injured patients gain access to the appropriate
16	level of care in a timely, coordinated, and cost-effective manner.
17	* * *
18	§2844. Governing board; membership, appointment, terms, compensation, vacancies
19	* * *
20	B. The network shall be governed by a board of twenty-nine members which
21	shall include:
22	* * *
23	(3) One member from nominees submitted by the Metropolitan Hospital
24	Council of New Orleans Louisiana Hospital Association to represent hospitals with
25	one hundred beds or more.
26	* * *
27	(15) Two members from the Louisiana House of Representatives to be
28	appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
29	(16) Two members from the Louisiana Senate to be appointed by the
30	president of the Senate.

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1	(17) One 211 member of the Louisiana Alliance of Information and Referral
2	Systems. One member who is an EMS practitioner from a list of nominees
3	submitted by the Louisiana Association of Nationally Registered Emergency
4	Medical Technicians (LANREMT).
5	* * *
6	(20) One member of the Louisiana Hospital Association rehabilitation
7	constituency group to represent hospitals providing rehabilitation services.
8	* * *
9	(23) One medical director of an emergency medical services agency from
10	nominees submitted by the Louisiana Association of EMS Physicians Chapter of
11	the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP).
12	* * *
13	C.(1) The Except as provided in Paragraphs (B)(15) and (16) of this
14	Section, members listed in Paragraphs (B)(1) through (14) and (17) through (24) of
15	this Section shall be appointed by the governor from a list of qualified candidates
16	nominated by the respective organizations. Each organization shall submit a list
17	of at least four nominees to the governor.
18	(2) The organizations listed in Paragraphs (B)(1) through (14) and (17)
19	through (24) of this Section shall each submit a list of at least four nominees for the
20	respective board position to the governor.
21	(3) The members listed in Paragraphs (B)(15) and (16) of this Section shall
22	be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the
23	Senate, respectively.
24	D. All members of the board shall serve terms of three years., except for
25	initial terms beginning on the effective date of this Chapter, and determined by lot
26	at the first meeting of the board as follows:
27	(1) Six shall serve until July 1, 2005.
28	(2) Seven shall serve until July 1, 2006.
29	(3) Seven shall serve until July 1, 2007.
30	* * *

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1	§2845. Board; functions, powers, and duties
2	A. The board shall:
3	(1) Establish and maintain a statewide trauma system that shall include a
4	centralized communication center for resource coordination of medical capabilities
5	for participating trauma centers, as defined by R.S. 40:2171, participating stroke
6	and STEMI centers, as defined by rule, and emergency medical services.
7	(2) Provide for implementation of a network and plan designed to achieve:
8	* * *
9	(b) A reduction in the number and severity of disabilities caused by trauma $_{2}$
10	stroke, and STEMI.
11	* * *
12	C.(1) The board shall submit an annual written report to the Senate and
13	House committees on health and welfare at least thirty days prior to each regular
14	session. The report shall include a summary of the data relevant to the goals set forth
15	in Paragraph (A)(2) of this Section and all other information relevant to
16	trauma-patient trauma, stroke, and STEMI patient care and its delivery in
17	Louisiana through the network.
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# PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

# SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_