



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senators Latvala, Joyner, and Bean moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 818 - 1073
and insert:

Section 13. Subsection (14) of section 395.4025, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (15) through (17) are added to that section, to read:

395.4025 Trauma centers; selection; quality assurance; records.—

(14) A trauma center that is designated as a Level I, Level II, or pediatric trauma center on or before April 25, 2013, shall retain such designation unless the department determines that the trauma center is no longer able to comply with the



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14 adopted standards for such centers. A trauma center
15 provisionally approved as a Level II trauma center on or before
16 April 25, 2013, may complete the application process through
17 verification by the department as a Level II trauma center
18 ~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section and rules~~
19 ~~adopted pursuant to this section, until the department has~~
20 ~~conducted the review provided under s. 395.402, only hospitals~~
21 ~~located in trauma services areas where there is no existing~~
22 ~~trauma center may apply.~~

23 (15) The department may not designate a Level I trauma
24 center or Level II trauma center within 8 miles of an existing
25 Level I trauma center. After April 25, 2013, the department may
26 not designate a new Level I trauma center or Level II trauma
27 center in a county that has an existing Level I trauma center or
28 within 75 miles of an existing Level I trauma center. However,
29 an existing Level I trauma center may request the Level II
30 trauma center designation of, and the department shall so
31 designate, another hospital or hospitals within 75 miles of the
32 requesting Level I trauma center if the hospital or hospitals:

33 (a) Share a license number and license certificate number
34 with the requesting Level I trauma center; or

35 (b) Demonstrate a formal trauma affiliation agreement with
36 the requesting Level I trauma center which complies with
37 statutory requirements to maintain an inclusive trauma system
38 and addresses all of the following:

- 39 1. The acceptance of all medically necessary transfers.
40 2. The clinical protocols and other clinical arrangements
41 appropriate for continuity of care and high-quality care.

42 (16) Notwithstanding part II of chapter 395, the department



43 may designate a hospital as a Level II trauma center if the
44 hospital is located:

45 (a) In a trauma service area that has a population of more
46 than 600,000 persons;

47 (b) In a county that has a population density of fewer than
48 200 persons per square mile and a population of more than
49 180,000 persons;

50 (c) In a county that does not have a designated or
51 provisional trauma center; and

52 (d) At least 35 miles by ground transport from the nearest
53 trauma center.

54 (17) The department shall submit to the President of the
55 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or
56 before September 1, 2013, the following items:

57 (a) A report of the results of its external review of this
58 state's trauma system conducted by the American College of
59 Surgeons.

60 (b) A proposed comprehensive legislative rewrite, if deemed
61 necessary, as a result of the external review, of part II of
62 chapter 395, with such detailed statutory language as to no
63 longer necessitate the need to have rules governing the
64 provision of trauma care.

66 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

67 And the title is amended as follows:

68 Delete lines 59 - 82

69 and insert:

70 organizations to conform; amending s. 395.4025, F.S.;

71 retaining trauma center designations for centers



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72 designated or provisionally approved by a specified
73 date; prohibiting the Department of Health from
74 designating certain trauma centers as Level I or Level
75 II; providing an exception under certain
76 circumstances; authorizing the department to designate
77 a hospital as a Level II trauma center under certain
78 circumstances; requiring the department to submit a
79 report and proposed legislation to the Legislature by
80 a specified date; amending s. 395.701, F.S.; revising
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