

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a STEMI registry; creating s.
3 381.8175; directing the Department of Health to
4 establish a statewide, centralized registry of persons
5 who have symptoms associated with ST-elevated
6 myocardial infarctions (STEMI); requiring certain
7 health care facilities to report STEMI cases to the
8 registry; defining the term "PCI-capable"; requiring
9 the department to contract with an entity to maintain
10 the registry, subject to appropriation; requiring the
11 contracted entity to provide reports to the
12 department; providing immunity from liability;
13 providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective
14 date.

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16 WHEREAS, due to high mortality rates associated with ST-
17 elevated myocardial infarctions (STEMI), the state recognizes
18 the need for a statewide, centralized registry to accumulate
19 data on persons who have symptoms associated with a STEMI heart
20 attack, NOW, THEREFORE,

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22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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24 Section 1. Section 381.8175, Florida Statutes, is created
25 to read:

26 381.8175 STEMI registry.—The department shall establish a
27 statewide, centralized registry of persons who have symptoms
28 associated with ST-elevated myocardial infarctions (STEMI).

29 (1) (a) All PCI-capable health care facilities in the state
30 shall report data consistent with nationally recognized
31 guidelines on the treatment of STEMI patients to the registry on
32 a quarterly basis. All other acute care hospitals and facilities
33 that are not PCI-capable are encouraged to and may report such
34 data, as applicable. For purposes of this paragraph, the term
35 "PCI-capable" means a health care facility that has the
36 equipment, expertise, and facilities to administer percutaneous
37 coronary intervention (PCI), a mechanical means of treating
38 heart attack patients.

39 (b) The state registry shall collect and maintain data
40 consistent with nationally recognized guidelines and measures
41 for STEMI heart attack patients.

42 (2) Subject to a specific legislative appropriation, the
43 department shall contract with a public or private entity to
44 maintain a statewide STEMI registry to ensure that the
45 information required under subsection (1) is maintained and
46 available for use to improve or modify the STEMI care system,
47 ensure compliance with standards, and monitor STEMI patient
48 outcomes.

49 (3) The department shall require the contracted entity to
50 use a nationally recognized platform to collect data on the

51 information required under subsection (1). The contracted entity
52 shall provide an annual report to the department beginning on
53 January 1, 2019, on the data collected.

54 (4) A civil, criminal, or administrative action may not be
55 brought against a person or health care provider participating
56 in good faith in the provision of information pursuant to this
57 section. A person or health care provider participating in the
58 provision of information pursuant to this section is immune from
59 civil or criminal liability and from any professional
60 disciplinary action which may arise from the provision of such
61 information.

62 (5) The department shall adopt rules to administer this
63 section.

64 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.