

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 ~~trauma-patient~~ **trauma, stroke, and STEMI patient** care that is  
26 an organized, seamless, coordinated effort among each component of care including

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.

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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.

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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.**

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).**

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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).**

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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.~~

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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,  
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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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