

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:

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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

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

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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.

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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 §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:

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9 (b) A reduction in the number and severity of disabilities caused by trauma,
10 **stroke, and STEMI.**

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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: _____