

113TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2406

To amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2014

Mr. REED introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Trauma  
5 Care Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRAUMA DEFINITION.**

7 (a) REVISED DEFINITION UNDER TRAUMA SYSTEMS  
8 GRANTS PROGRAMS.—Paragraph (4) of section 1231 of

1 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–31) is  
 2 amended to read as follows:

3 “(4) TRAUMA.—The term ‘trauma’ means an  
 4 injury resulting from exposure to—

5 “(A) a mechanical force; or

6 “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an  
 7 extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-  
 8 ical, or radioactive.”.

9 (b) REVISED DEFINITION UNDER INTERAGENCY  
 10 PROGRAM FOR TRAUMA RESEARCH.—Paragraph (3) of  
 11 section 1261(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
 12 U.S.C. 300d–61(h)) is amended to read as follows:

13 “(3) The term ‘trauma’ means an injury result-  
 14 ing from exposure to—

15 “(A) a mechanical force; or

16 “(B) another extrinsic agent, including an  
 17 extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chem-  
 18 ical, or radioactive.”.

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