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S.B. No. 330

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a stroke committee and the development of a statewide stroke emergency transport plan.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 773.001, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 773.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the Emergency Health Care [~~Medical Services~~] Act.

SECTION 2. Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (7) to read as follows:

(7) "Department" means the [~~Texas~~] Department of State Health Services.

SECTION 3. Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. EMERGENCY STROKE SERVICES

Sec. 773.201. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The legislature finds that a strong system for stroke survival is needed in the state's communities in order to treat stroke victims in a timely manner and to improve the overall treatment of stroke victims. Therefore, the legislature intends to construct an emergency treatment system in this state so that stroke victims may be quickly identified and transported to and treated in appropriate stroke treatment facilities.

Sec. 773.202. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1 (1) "Advisory council" means the advisory council
2 established under Section 773.012.

3 (2) "Stroke committee" means the committee appointed
4 under Section 773.203.

5 (3) "Stroke facility" means a health care facility
6 that:

7 (A) is capable of primary or comprehensive
8 treatment of stroke victims;

9 (B) is part of an emergency medical services and
10 trauma system;

11 (C) has a health care professional available 24
12 hours a day, seven days a week who is knowledgeable about stroke
13 care and capable of carrying out acute stroke therapy; and

14 (D) records patient treatment and outcomes.

15 Sec. 773.203. STROKE COMMITTEE. (a) The advisory council
16 shall appoint a stroke committee to assist the advisory council in
17 the development of a statewide stroke emergency transport plan.

18 (b) The stroke committee must include the following
19 members:

20 (1) a licensed physician appointed from a list of
21 physicians eligible for accreditation from the Accreditation
22 Council for Graduate Medical Education, recommended by a statewide
23 organization of neurologists;

24 (2) a licensed interventional neuroradiologist
25 appointed from a list of neuroradiologists recommended by a
26 statewide organization of radiologists;

27 (3) a neurosurgeon with stroke expertise;

1 (4) a member of the Texas Council on Cardiovascular
2 Disease and Stroke who has expertise in stroke care;

3 (5) a licensed physician appointed from a list of
4 physicians recommended by a statewide organization of emergency
5 physicians;

6 (6) a neuroscience registered nurse with stroke
7 expertise; and

8 (7) a volunteer member of a nonprofit organization
9 specializing in stroke treatment, prevention, and education.

10 (c) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
11 stroke committee.

12 Sec. 773.204. DUTIES OF STROKE COMMITTEE; DEVELOPMENT OF
13 STROKE EMERGENCY TRANSPORT PLAN. (a) The advisory council, with
14 the assistance of the stroke committee and in collaboration with
15 the Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke, shall
16 develop a statewide stroke emergency transport plan.

17 (b) The stroke emergency transport plan must include:

18 (1) training requirements on stroke recognition and
19 treatment, including emergency screening procedures;

20 (2) a list of appropriate early treatments to
21 stabilize patients;

22 (3) protocols for rapid transport to a designated
23 facility when rapid transport is appropriate; and

24 (4) plans for coordination with statewide agencies or
25 committees on programs for stroke prevention and community
26 education regarding stroke and stroke emergency transport.

27 (c) In developing the stroke emergency transport plan, the

1 stroke committee shall consult the criteria for stroke facilities
2 established by national medical organizations such as the Joint
3 Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

4 SECTION 4. (a) Not later than January 1, 2006, the
5 advisory council established under Section 773.012, Health and
6 Safety Code, shall establish a stroke committee as required by
7 Section 773.203, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

8 (b) Not later than January 1, 2007, the advisory council
9 established under Section 773.012, Health and Safety Code, shall
10 develop a statewide stroke emergency transport plan as required by
11 Section 773.204, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

12 (c) Not later than January 1, 2007, the advisory council
13 shall submit a report of the statewide stroke emergency transport
14 plan to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
15 representatives, and executive commissioner of the Health and Human
16 Services Commission.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.