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S.B. No. 1687

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the establishment of a statewide system for stroke  
3 response and treatment.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 93.001, Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended by adding Subdivisions (3), (4), and (5) to read as follows:

7 (3) "Department" means the Department of State Health  
8 Services.

9 (4) "Executive commissioner" means the executive  
10 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.

11 (5) "Stroke facility" has the meaning assigned by  
12 Section 773.202.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 93, Health and Safety Code, is amended by  
14 adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

15 SUBCHAPTER C. STROKE RESPONSE AND TREATMENT

16 Sec. 93.101. STATEWIDE SYSTEM FOR STROKE RESPONSE AND  
17 TREATMENT. The department, in coordination with the council and  
18 the stroke committee appointed under Section 773.023, shall develop  
19 and implement a statewide system for stroke response and treatment  
20 to achieve continuous improvement in the quality of care provided  
21 to stroke patients.

22 Sec. 93.102. ELECTRONIC STROKE DATABASE; STATISTICAL DATA  
23 AND OTHER INFORMATION. (a) In implementing a statewide system for  
24 stroke response and treatment, the department shall create and

1 maintain an electronic stroke database by:

2 (1) compiling information and statistical data on  
3 stroke care that align with the stroke consensus performance  
4 measures developed and approved by the American Heart Association,  
5 the American Stroke Association, the Centers for Disease Control  
6 and Prevention, and The Joint Commission;

7 (2) using the stroke guidelines and quality  
8 improvement program Get With the Guidelines Stroke maintained by  
9 the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association  
10 or another nationally recognized data system, provided that the  
11 department determines that the data system complies with acceptable  
12 patient confidentiality standards; and

13 (3) coordinating with national voluntary health  
14 organizations involved in stroke care quality improvement to avoid  
15 duplication and redundancy in information compiled and maintained  
16 under this section.

17 (b) To the extent possible, the department shall:

18 (1) require stroke facilities to report statistical  
19 data consistent with nationally recognized guidelines on the  
20 treatment of patients who are confirmed to have suffered strokes  
21 and encourage emergency medical services providers licensed under  
22 Chapter 773 to participate;

23 (2) encourage health care providers to share  
24 statistical data and other information about methods for improving  
25 the quality of care for stroke patients in this state;

26 (3) facilitate the communication and analysis of  
27 statistical data and other information among health care providers

1 who treat stroke patients; and

2 (4) adopt evidence-based treatment guidelines on the  
3 transitioning of patients to hospital outpatient, physician  
4 office, and health clinic settings in their communities for ongoing  
5 care after discharge from stroke facilities following acute  
6 treatment for stroke.

7 Sec. 93.103. OVERSIGHT PROCESS AND PLAN FOR QUALITY  
8 IMPROVEMENT. The department shall establish an oversight process  
9 and implement a plan for achieving continuous quality improvement  
10 in the care provided under a statewide system for stroke response  
11 and treatment. The process and plan must:

12 (1) analyze statistical data on stroke response and  
13 treatment contained in the electronic database established under  
14 Section 93.102;

15 (2) identify potential interventions to improve  
16 stroke care in geographic regions of this state; and

17 (3) provide recommendations to the department and the  
18 legislature for the improvement of stroke care and the delivery of  
19 stroke care in this state.

20 Sec. 93.104. AVAILABILITY OF STATISTICAL DATA. The  
21 department shall make available all statistical data reported under  
22 Section 93.102 to other state agencies, local governmental  
23 entities, stroke facilities, and emergency medical services  
24 providers licensed under Chapter 773 that are responsible for  
25 managing and administering emergency medical services in this  
26 state.

27 Sec. 93.105. REPORT. Not later than June 1 of each year,

1 the department shall provide to the governor, lieutenant governor,  
2 speaker of the house of representatives, and standing committees of  
3 the senate and the house with primary jurisdiction over health  
4 matters a report summarizing the data collected under this section  
5 and any related findings and recommendations. The department shall  
6 post the report on the department's Internet website.

7 Sec. 93.106. CONFIDENTIALITY. Information obtained under  
8 this subchapter that identifies a patient, or that is otherwise  
9 confidential under law, is excepted from required public disclosure  
10 under Chapter 552, Government Code, and may not be disclosed for any  
11 purpose.

12 Sec. 93.107. RULEMAKING. The executive commissioner shall  
13 adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter.

14 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2014:

15 (1) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
16 Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement  
17 Subchapter C, Chapter 93, Health and Safety Code, as added by this  
18 Act; and

19 (2) the Department of State Health Services shall  
20 establish the statewide system for stroke response and treatment as  
21 required by Subchapter C, Chapter 93, Health and Safety Code, as  
22 added by this Act.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.