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S.B. No. 1224

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a statewide system for stroke response and treatment.

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

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

(3) "Stroke facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 773.202.

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

SUBCHAPTER C. STROKE RESPONSE AND TREATMENT

Sec. 93.101. STATEWIDE SYSTEM FOR STROKE RESPONSE AND TREATMENT. The department, in coordination with the council and the stroke committee appointed under Section 773.203, shall develop and implement a statewide system for stroke response and treatment to achieve continuous improvement in the quality of care provided to stroke patients.

Sec. 93.102. ELECTRONIC STROKE DATABASE; STATISTICAL DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION. (a) In implementing a statewide system for stroke response and treatment, the department shall create and maintain an electronic stroke database by:

(1) compiling information and statistical data on stroke care that align with the stroke consensus performance measures developed and approved by the American Heart Association,

1 the American Stroke Association, the federal Centers for Disease  
2 Control and Prevention, and The Joint Commission;

3 (2) using the Get With The Guidelines-Stroke program  
4 maintained by the American Heart Association or a similar program  
5 by the American Stroke Association or another nationally recognized  
6 data system, provided the department determines the data system  
7 complies with acceptable patient confidentiality standards; and

8 (3) coordinating with national voluntary health  
9 organizations involved in stroke care quality improvement to avoid  
10 duplication and redundancy in information compiled and maintained  
11 under this section.

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

13 (1) require comprehensive and primary stroke  
14 facilities, as determined by the department, to report statistical  
15 data consistent with nationally recognized guidelines on the  
16 treatment of patients who are confirmed to have suffered strokes  
17 and encourage emergency medical services providers licensed under  
18 Chapter 773 to participate;

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

22 (3) facilitate the communication and analysis of  
23 statistical data and other information among health care providers  
24 who treat stroke patients; and

25 (4) adopt evidence-based treatment guidelines on the  
26 transitioning of patients to hospital outpatient, physician  
27 office, and health clinic settings in their communities for

1 continuing care after discharge from stroke facilities following  
2 acute treatment for stroke.

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

8 (1) analyze statistical data on stroke response and  
9 treatment contained in the electronic database established under  
10 Section 93.102;

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

13 (3) provide recommendations to the department and the  
14 legislature for the improvement of stroke care and the delivery of  
15 stroke care in this state.

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

23 Sec. 93.105. REPORT. Not later than June 1 of each year,  
24 the department shall provide to the governor, lieutenant governor,  
25 speaker of the house of representatives, and standing committees of  
26 the senate and the house with primary jurisdiction over health  
27 matters a report summarizing the data collected under this section

1 and any related findings and recommendations. The department shall  
2 post the report on the department's Internet website.

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

8 Sec. 93.107. RULEMAKING. The executive commissioner shall  
9 adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter.

10 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2018:

11 (1) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
12 Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement  
13 Subchapter C, Chapter 93, Health and Safety Code, as added by this  
14 Act; and

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

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.