
SENATE BILL NO. 120—SENATORS HECK, HARDY, NOLAN AND LEE

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Transfers responsibility to establish program concerning treatment of trauma. (BDR 40-885)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **[omitted material]** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services; transferring to the county or district board of health in larger counties the responsibility to establish a program concerning the treatment of trauma; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the State Board of Health to establish a program for
2 treating trauma victims and for transporting and admitting trauma victims to centers
3 for the treatment of trauma. (NRS 450B.237)

4 By replacing the reference to "State Board of Health" with "board," this bill
5 transfers the responsibility for establishing the program from the State Board of
6 Health to the county or district board of health in a county with a population of
7 400,000 or more (currently Clark County). The State Board of Health retains
8 responsibility for establishing the program in each county with a population of less
9 than 400,000 (currently all counties other than Clark County).



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 450B.237 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.237 1. The ~~{State Board of Health}~~ **board** shall establish a program **in the county** for treating persons who require treatment for trauma and for transporting and admitting such persons to centers for the treatment of trauma. The program must provide for the development, operation and maintenance of a system of communication to be used in transporting such persons to the appropriate centers.

2. The State Board of Health shall adopt regulations which establish the standards for the designation of hospitals as centers for the treatment of trauma. The State Board of Health shall consider the standards adopted by the American College of Surgeons for a center for the treatment of trauma as a guide for such regulations. The Administrator of the Health Division shall not approve a proposal to designate a hospital as a center for the treatment of trauma unless the hospital meets the standards.

3. Upon approval by the Administrator of the Health Division of a proposal to designate a hospital as a center for the treatment of trauma, he shall issue written approval which designates the hospital as such a center. As a condition of continuing designation the hospital must comply with the following requirements:

(a) The hospital must admit any injured person who requires medical care.

(b) Any physician who provides treatment for trauma must be qualified to provide that treatment.

(c) The hospital must maintain the standards specified in the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 2.

Sec. 2. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

