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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 190.241, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to trauma center designations.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 190.241, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 190.241, to read as follows:

190.241. 1. Except as provided for in subsection 4 of this section, the department shall designate a hospital as an adult, pediatric or adult and pediatric trauma center when a hospital, upon proper application submitted by the hospital and site review, has been found by the department to meet the applicable level of trauma center criteria for designation in accordance with rules adopted by the department as prescribed by section 190.185. Site review may occur on-site or by any reasonable means of communication, or by any combination thereof. Such rules shall include designation as a trauma center without site review if such hospital is verified by a national verifying or designating body at the level which corresponds to a level approved in rule. In developing trauma center designation criteria, the department shall use, as it deems practicable, peer-reviewed and evidence-based clinical research and guidelines including, but not limited to, the most recent guidelines of the American College of Surgeons. **The department shall not deny a qualified hospital designation as a level I, II, or III trauma center based solely on the distance or mileage between trauma centers.**

2. Except as provided for in subsection 4 of this section, the department shall designate a hospital as a STEMI or stroke center when such hospital, upon proper application and site review, has been found by the department to meet the applicable level of STEMI or stroke center criteria for designation in accordance with rules adopted by the department as

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 prescribed by section 190.185. Site review may occur on-site or by any reasonable means of  
20 communication, or by any combination thereof. In developing STEMI center and stroke  
21 center designation criteria, the department shall use, as it deems practicable, peer-reviewed  
22 and evidence-based clinical research and guidelines including, but not limited to, the most  
23 recent guidelines of the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association, or  
24 the American Stroke Association. Such rules shall include designation as a STEMI center or  
25 stroke center without site review if such hospital is certified by a national body.

26         3. The department of health and senior services shall, not less than once every three  
27 years, conduct a site review of every trauma, STEMI, and stroke center through appropriate  
28 department personnel or a qualified contractor, with the exception of trauma centers, STEMI  
29 centers, and stroke centers designated pursuant to subsection 4 of this section; however, this  
30 provision is not intended to limit the department's ability to conduct a complaint investigation  
31 pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of section 197.080 of any trauma, STEMI, or  
32 stroke center. Site reviews shall be coordinated for the different types of centers to the extent  
33 practicable with hospital licensure inspections conducted under chapter 197. No person shall  
34 be a qualified contractor for purposes of this subsection who has a substantial conflict of  
35 interest in the operation of any trauma, STEMI, or stroke center under review. The  
36 department may deny, place on probation, suspend or revoke such designation in any case in  
37 which it has determined there has been a substantial failure to comply with the provisions of  
38 this chapter or any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter. Centers that are  
39 placed on probationary status shall be required to demonstrate compliance with the provisions  
40 of this chapter and any rules or regulations promulgated under this chapter within twelve  
41 months of the date of the receipt of the notice of probationary status, unless otherwise  
42 provided by a settlement agreement with a duration of a maximum of eighteen months  
43 between the department and the designated center. If the department of health and senior  
44 services has determined that a hospital is not in compliance with such provisions or  
45 regulations, it may conduct additional announced or unannounced site reviews of the hospital  
46 to verify compliance. If a trauma, STEMI, or stroke center fails two consecutive site reviews  
47 because of substantial noncompliance with standards prescribed by sections 190.001 to  
48 190.245 or rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245, its  
49 center designation shall be revoked.

50         4. (1) Instead of applying for trauma, STEMI, or stroke center designation under  
51 subsection 1 or 2 of this section, a hospital may apply for trauma, STEMI, or stroke center  
52 designation under this subsection. Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed by the  
53 department, the department shall designate such hospital at a state level that corresponds to a  
54 similar national designation as set forth in rules promulgated by the department. The rules

55 shall be based on standards of nationally recognized organizations and the recommendations  
56 of the time-critical diagnosis advisory committee.

57 (2) Except as provided by subsection 5 of this section, the department shall not  
58 require compliance with any additional standards for establishing or renewing trauma,  
59 STEMI, or stroke designations under this subsection. The designation shall continue if such  
60 hospital remains certified or verified. The department may remove a hospital's designation as  
61 a trauma center, STEMI center, or stroke center if the hospital requests removal of the  
62 designation or the department determines that the certificate or verification that qualified the  
63 hospital for the designation under this subsection has been suspended or revoked. Any  
64 decision made by the department to withdraw its designation of a center pursuant to this  
65 subsection that is based on the revocation or suspension of a certification or verification by a  
66 certifying or verifying organization shall not be subject to judicial review. The department  
67 shall report to the certifying or verifying organization any complaint it receives related to the  
68 center designated pursuant to this subsection. The department shall also advise the  
69 complainant which organization certified or verified the center and provide the necessary  
70 contact information should the complainant wish to pursue a complaint with the certifying or  
71 verifying organization.

72 5. Any hospital receiving designation as a trauma center, STEMI center, or stroke  
73 center pursuant to subsection 4 of this section shall:

74 (1) Within thirty days of any changes or receipt of a certificate or verification, submit  
75 to the department proof of certification or verification and the names and contact information  
76 of the center's medical director and the program manager; and

77 (2) Participate in local and regional emergency medical services systems for purposes  
78 of providing training, sharing clinical educational resources, and collaborating on improving  
79 patient outcomes.

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81 Any hospital receiving designation as a level III stroke center pursuant to subsection 4 of this  
82 section shall have a formal agreement with a level I or level II stroke center for physician  
83 consultative services for evaluation of stroke patients for thrombolytic therapy and the care of  
84 the patient post-thrombolytic therapy.

85 6. Hospitals designated as a trauma center, STEMI center, or stroke center by the  
86 department shall submit data by one of the following methods:

87 (1) Entering hospital data into a state registry; or

88 (2) Entering hospital data into a national registry or data bank. A hospital submitting  
89 data pursuant to this subdivision shall not be required to collect and submit any additional  
90 trauma, STEMI, or stroke center data elements. No hospital submitting data to a national data  
91 registry or data bank under this subdivision shall withhold authorization for the department to

92 access such data through such national data registry or data bank. Nothing in this subdivision  
93 shall be construed as requiring duplicative data entry by a hospital that is otherwise  
94 complying with the provisions of this subsection. Failure of the department to obtain access  
95 to data submitted to a national data registry or data bank shall not be construed as hospital  
96 noncompliance under this subsection.

97 7. When collecting and analyzing data pursuant to the provisions of this section, the  
98 department shall comply with the following requirements:

99 (1) Names of any health care professionals, as defined in section 376.1350, shall not  
100 be subject to disclosure;

101 (2) The data shall not be disclosed in a manner that permits the identification of an  
102 individual patient or encounter;

103 (3) The data shall be used for the evaluation and improvement of hospital and  
104 emergency medical services' trauma, stroke, and STEMI care; and

105 (4) Trauma, STEMI, and stroke center data elements shall conform to national  
106 registry or data bank data elements, and include published detailed measure specifications,  
107 data coding instructions, and patient population inclusion and exclusion criteria to ensure data  
108 reliability and validity.

109 8. The department shall not have authority to establish additional education  
110 requirements for physicians who are emergency medicine board-certified or board-eligible  
111 through the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) or the American Osteopathic  
112 Board of Emergency Medicine (AOBEM) and who are practicing in the emergency  
113 department of a facility designated as a trauma center, STEMI center, or stroke center by the  
114 department under this section. The department shall deem the education requirements  
115 promulgated by ABEM or AOBEM to meet the standards for designations under this section.  
116 Education requirements for non-ABEM or non-AOBEM certified physicians, nurses, and  
117 other providers who provide care at a facility designated as a trauma center, STEMI center, or  
118 stroke center by the department under this section shall mirror but not exceed those  
119 established by national designating or verifying bodies of trauma centers, STEMI centers, or  
120 stroke centers.

121 9. The department of health and senior services may establish appropriate fees to  
122 offset only the costs of trauma, STEMI, and stroke center surveys.

123 10. No hospital shall hold itself out to the public as a STEMI center, stroke center,  
124 adult trauma center, pediatric trauma center, or an adult and pediatric trauma center unless it  
125 is designated as such by the department of health and senior services.

126 11. Any person aggrieved by an action of the department of health and senior services  
127 affecting the trauma, STEMI, or stroke center designation pursuant to this chapter, including  
128 the revocation, the suspension, or the granting of, refusal to grant, or failure to renew a

129 designation, may seek a determination thereon by the administrative hearing commission  
130 under chapter 621. It shall not be a condition to such determination that the person aggrieved  
131 seek a reconsideration, a rehearing, or exhaust any other procedure within the department.

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