

**TRAUMA REGISTRY DATA**

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the Utah Emergency Medical Services Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ makes the requirement for hospitals to report trauma data permanent.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**26-8a-253**, as last amended by Chapter 137, Laws of Utah 2003

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26-8a-253** is amended to read:

**26-8a-253. Statewide trauma registry and quality assurance program.**

(1) The department shall:

(a) establish and fund a statewide trauma registry to collect and analyze information on the incidence, severity, causes, and outcomes of trauma;

(b) establish, by rule, the data elements, the medical care providers that must report, and the time frame and format for reporting;

(c) use the data collected to:

- 30 (i) improve the availability and delivery of prehospital and hospital trauma care;
- 31 (ii) assess trauma care delivery, patient care outcomes, and compliance with the
- 32 requirements of this chapter and applicable department rules; and
- 33 (iii) regularly produce and disseminate reports to data providers, state government, and
- 34 the public; and
- 35 (d) support data collection and abstraction by providing:
- 36 (i) a data collection system and technical assistance to each hospital that submits data;
- 37 and
- 38 (ii) funding or, at the discretion of the department, personnel for collection and
- 39 abstraction for each hospital not designated as a [~~Level I or II~~] trauma center under the
- 40 standards established pursuant to Section 26-8a-254.
- 41 (2) (a) [~~Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), each~~] Each hospital shall submit
- 42 trauma data in accordance with rules established under Subsection (1) [~~until December 31,~~
- 43 ~~2006~~].
- 44 (b) A hospital designated as a trauma center shall [~~continue to~~] submit data [~~beyond~~
- 45 ~~December 31, 2006,~~] as part of the ongoing quality assurance program established in Section
- 46 26-8a-252.
- 47 (3) The department shall assess:
- 48 (a) the effectiveness of the data collected pursuant to Subsection (1); and
- 49 (b) the impact of the statewide trauma system on the provision of trauma care.
- 50 (4) Data collected under this section shall be subject to Title 26, Chapter 3, Health
- 51 Statistics.
- 52 (5) No person may be held civilly liable for having provided data to the department in
- 53 accordance with this section.