

**TRAUMA REGISTRY DATA**

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Sheryl L. Allen**

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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,



28 and the time frame and format for reporting;

29 (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.

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**Legislative Review Note**

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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**