

House Bill 307 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Harbin of the 118th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, so as to provide for burn centers
3 and burn patients as part of the trauma network; to revise definitions; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
8 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, is amended in Code Section 31-11-100, relating
9 to definitions, as follows:

10 "31-11-100.

11 As used in this article, the term:

12 (1) 'Burn trauma center' means a facility that has been designated by the Department of
13 Community Health as a burn center and that admits at least 300 patients annually with
14 the burn specific principal diagnosis codes as published by the International
15 Classification of Diseases.

16 (2) 'Trauma burn patient' means a patient admitted to a burn trauma center with a burn
17 specific principal diagnosis code as published by the International Classification of
18 Diseases who has at least one of the following injuries or complications based on criteria
19 developed by the American Burn Association:

20 (A) Partial-thickness burns over at least 10 percent of the total body surface area;

21 (B) Burns that involve the face, hands, feet, genitalia, perineum, or major joints;

22 (C) Third-degree burns in any age group;

23 (D) Chemical burns;

24 (E) An inhalation injury;

25 (F) A burn injury and preexisting medical disorder that could complicate management,
26 prolong recovery, or affect mortality;

27 (G) Burns and concomitant trauma, such as fractures, in which the burn injury poses
 28 the greatest risk of morbidity or mortality; or

29 (H) Burn injury patients who require special social, emotional, or rehabilitative
 30 intervention.

31 ~~(1)~~(3) 'Trauma center' means a facility designated by the Department of Community
 32 Health as a Level I, II, III, or IV or burn trauma center.

33 ~~(2)~~(4) 'Trauma patient' means a patient who is on the State Trauma Registry or the
 34 National Trauma Registry of the American College of Surgeons or who is a trauma burn
 35 patient.

36 ~~(3)~~(5) 'Trauma service codes' means the ~~ICDA-9-CM~~ International Classification of
 37 Diseases discharge codes designated as trauma service codes by the American College
 38 of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma.

39 ~~(4)~~(6) 'Uncompensated' means care provided by a designated trauma center, emergency
 40 medical services provider, or physician to a trauma patient as defined by the Georgia
 41 Trauma Care Network Commission who:

42 (A) Has no medical insurance, including federal Medicare Part B coverage;

43 (B) Is not eligible for medical assistance coverage;

44 (C) Has no medical coverage for trauma care through workers' compensation,
 45 automobile insurance, or any other third party, including any settlement or judgment
 46 resulting from such coverage; and

47 (D) Has not paid for the trauma care provided by the trauma provider after documented
 48 attempts by the trauma care services provider to collect payment."

49 **SECTION 2.**

50 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.