

House Bill 307 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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 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. However, a burn trauma center
 33 shall not be considered or treated as a trauma center for purposes of certificate of need
 34 requirements under state law or regulations, including exceptions to need and adverse
 35 impact standards allowed by the department for trauma centers or for purposes of
 36 identifying safety net hospitals.

37 ~~(2)~~(4) 'Trauma patient' means a patient who is on the State Trauma Registry or the
 38 National Trauma Registry of the American College of Surgeons or who is a trauma burn
 39 patient.

40 ~~(3)~~(5) 'Trauma service codes' means the ~~ICDA-9-CM~~ International Classification of
 41 Diseases discharge codes designated as trauma service codes by the American College
 42 of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma.

43 ~~(4)~~(6) 'Uncompensated' means care provided by a designated trauma center, emergency
 44 medical services provider, or physician to a trauma patient as defined by the Georgia
 45 Trauma Care Network Commission who:

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

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

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

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

53 **SECTION 2.**

54 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.