

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2870

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 330.93, which relates to the Emergency Medical Services and Care Systems Act; requiring the State Department of Health to develop a strategic development plan to designate rural hospitals as critical access facilities for the purpose of the Comprehensive Statewide Trauma Care System; defining term; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 330.93, is amended to read as follows:

Section 330.93 A. For purposes of the Emergency Medical Services and Care Systems Act, the State Department of Health shall have the power to:

1. Develop and monitor a statewide emergency medical services and trauma care system;
  2. Recognize trauma facilities;
  3. Develop and maintain a trauma reporting and analysis system
- to:

- a. identify severely injured trauma patients at each health care facility in this state,

- b. identify the total amount of uncompensated trauma care expenditures made each fiscal year by each health care facility in this state, and
- c. monitor trauma patient care in each health care facility, including each recognized trauma center, in emergency medical services and trauma care systems in this state;

4. Provide for coordination and cooperation between this state and any other state with which this state shares a standard metropolitan statistical area; and

5. Research, study and develop effective funding mechanisms to support the established system.

B. 1. The State Department of Health shall develop a strategic development plan by December 31, 1998, that will allow rural eligible hospitals in this state to be designated critical access facilities, for purposes of augmenting the Comprehensive Statewide Trauma Care System.

2. For purposes of this section, "critical access hospital" means a rural facility that meets critical access hospital certification criteria established by the federal government.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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