

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Wednesday, February 13, 2008

House Bill No. 2758

HOUSE BILL NO. 2758 - By: COX of the House and PADDACK of the Senate.

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending Section 5, Chapter 459, O.S.L. 2004 (63 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 1-2530.4), which relates to the Oklahoma Trauma Systems Improvement and Development Advisory Council; adding certain member; and providing an effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 459, O.S.L. 2004 (63 O.S.  
2 Supp. 2007, Section 1-2530.4), is amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1-2530.4 A. On or before July 1, 2004, the President Pro Tempore of the  
4 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Governor shall appoint an  
5 Oklahoma Trauma Systems Improvement and Development Advisory Council to make  
6 recommendations regarding matters related to the responsibilities of the State  
7 Department of Health under the Oklahoma Trauma Systems Improvement and  
8 Development Act.

9 B. The Council shall be composed of ~~eighteen (18)~~ nineteen (19) members  
10 representing the following categories of individuals:

11 1. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint:

12 a. a faculty member from a state university college of public health,

- 1           b.     a trauma registrar of a licensed hospital that is classified as providing
- 2                     trauma and emergency operative services,
- 3           c.     a representative of a licensed hospital that is classified as providing
- 4                     trauma and emergency operative services in a rural community,
- 5           d.     an emergency medical technician who is employed by a provider of
- 6                     emergency medical services,
- 7           e.     an orthopedic surgeon with privileges at a licensed hospital classified
- 8                     as providing trauma and emergency services, and
- 9           f.     a person representing a hospital primarily engaged in the practice of
- 10                    orthopedic medicine and/or neurosurgery;

11           2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

- 12           a.     a board-certified emergency physician,
- 13           b.     a licensed physician who is an emergency medical services medical
- 14                     director,
- 15           c.     a representative from a rehabilitation facility,
- 16           d.     a hospital administrator from a licensed hospital classified as a level I
- 17                     or II trauma and emergency services operative services facility,
- 18           e.     a trauma surgeon with privileges at a licensed hospital classified as
- 19                     providing trauma and emergency operative services, and
- 20           f.     a person representing a hospital primarily engaged in the practice of
- 21                     orthopedic medicine and/or neurosurgery; and

22           3. The Governor shall appoint:

- 1 a. a representative from the Department of Public Safety,
- 2 b. a licensed physician who is a pediatrician with privileges at a licensed
- 3 hospital classified as providing trauma and emergency operative
- 4 services,
- 5 c. a representative of the general public who is not qualified to serve
- 6 under another ~~subdivision~~ subparagraph of paragraph 1, 2, or 3 of this
- 7 subsection,
- 8 d. an administrative director of a licensed ambulance service,
- 9 e. a representative of a licensed hospital that is classified as providing
- 10 trauma and emergency operative services in an urban community, ~~and~~
- 11 f. a person representing a hospital primarily engaged in the practice of
- 12 orthopedic medicine and/or neurosurgery, and
- 13 g. an oral or maxillofacial surgeon.

14 C. Members of the Council shall serve staggered terms. The initial appointments

15 of two members appointed by each appointing authority shall be two (2) years, two

16 members initially appointed by each authority shall serve three (3) years, and two

17 members appointed by each authority shall serve four (4) years. Thereafter, all

18 additional appointments created on or after November 1, 2008, and reappointments shall

19 be for four (4) years. A vacancy on the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the

20 original appointment, for the unexpired term. Council members may be reappointed at

21 the discretion of the appointing authority.

1 D. The Council shall elect from among its members a chair and a vice-chair on an  
2 annual basis.

3 E. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation but may be  
4 reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel  
5 Reimbursement Act.

6 F. The Council shall meet at least quarterly to review trauma system functions and  
7 provide recommendations to improve trauma care provided in the system. The Council  
8 may appoint committees it deems necessary to assist in its duties. A simple majority of  
9 the Council shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. Staff support and meeting rooms  
10 for the Council shall be provided by the State Department of Health.

11 G. The Council shall periodically review rules promulgated by the State Board of  
12 Health related to the Oklahoma Trauma Systems Improvement and Development Act  
13 and may recommend changes in those rules to the Board.

14 H. The Council shall reassess as necessary the need to modify trauma care systems  
15 in all regions of the state and receive recommendations forwarded by regional trauma  
16 advisory boards.

17 I. The Council shall develop and recommend a statewide trauma systems plan to be  
18 incorporated into the comprehensive plan for emergency medical services specified in  
19 Section 1-2511 of ~~Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title. This plan shall recognize  
20 geographic regions of the state and identify emergency medical services and licensed  
21 hospitals located in each region. The plan shall also establish continuous quality  
22 improvement activities to be conducted in each region.

1 J. Meetings of the Council shall be open and shall be conducted in accordance with  
2 the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. The Council shall not review patient\_specific  
3 information or medical records at these meetings.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02-12-08 - DO  
6 PASS, As Coauthored.