



1 Statewide Trauma and Stroke System Act of 1993.

2 **"§ 131E-162. Statewide trauma and stroke system.**

3 (a) The Department shall establish and maintain a program for the development  
4 of a statewide trauma and stroke system. The statewide trauma and stroke system shall  
5 include a system for identifying and disseminating information about the location of  
6 primary stroke centers. The Department shall consolidate all State functions relating to  
7 trauma systems, both regulatory and developmental, under the auspices of this program.

8 The North Carolina Medical Care Commission ("Commission") shall adopt rules to  
9 carry out the purpose of this Article. These rules shall be adopted with the advice of the  
10 State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and the American Heart  
11 Association and shall include the operation of a statewide trauma registry, a statewide  
12 stroke registry, statewide educational requirements fundamental to the implementation  
13 of the trauma system and stroke system. The rules adopted by the Commission shall  
14 establish guidelines for monitoring and evaluating the ~~systems~~systems, including  
15 standards and criteria for the denial, suspension, voluntary withdrawal, or revocation of  
16 credentials for trauma center ~~designation,~~ and primary stroke center designations, and  
17 the establishment of regional trauma and stroke peer review committees. Each regional  
18 trauma or stroke peer review committee shall be responsible for analyzing trauma  
19 patient and stroke patient care data and outcome measures to evaluate the ongoing  
20 quality of patient care, system performance, and medical direction within the regional  
21 trauma and stroke system. The committee membership shall include physicians,  
22 including physicians who specialize in the treatment of stroke, nurses, EMS personnel,  
23 American Heart Association representative, trauma registrars, stroke centers, and  
24 hospital administrators. Review of medical records by the Trauma and Stroke Peer  
25 Review ~~Committee~~Committees is confidential and protected under G.S. 143-518. A  
26 Trauma and Stroke Peer Review ~~Committee~~Committees, ~~its~~their members, proceedings,  
27 records and materials produced, and materials considered shall be afforded the same  
28 protections afforded Medical Review Committees, their members, proceedings, records,  
29 and materials under G.S. 131E-95. The rules adopted by the Commission shall avoid  
30 duplication of reporting and minimize the cost to hospitals or other persons reporting  
31 under this section. The Office of Emergency Medical Services shall be the agency  
32 responsible for monitoring system development, ensuring compliance with rules, and  
33 overseeing system effectiveness.

34 With respect to collection of data and educational requirements regarding trauma  
35 and stroke, rules adopted by the ~~Medical Care~~ Commission shall limit the authority of  
36 the Department to hospitals and Emergency Medical Services providers. Nothing in this  
37 Article shall be interpreted so as to grant the Department authority to require private  
38 physicians, schools, or universities, except those participating in the trauma and stroke  
39 system, to provide information or data or to conduct educational programs regarding  
40 trauma and stroke.

41 (b) As used in this section, 'primary stroke center' means a hospital in this State  
42 that is certified by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
43 as a primary stroke center and includes a hospital identified by the Commission as a  
44 primary stroke center.

1 (c) The department shall report to the legislature that which it has done to  
2 implement the stroke system by February 15, 2007."

3 **SECTION 2.** G.S 143-510 reads as rewritten:

4 **"§ 143-510. North Carolina Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.**

5 (a) There is created the North Carolina Emergency Medical Services Advisory  
6 Council to consult with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services  
7 in the administration of this Article.

8 The North Carolina Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council shall consist of  
9 ~~25-28~~ members.

10 (1) ~~Twenty-one~~ Twenty-four of the members shall be appointed by the  
11 Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services as follows:

12 a. ~~Three~~ Six of the members shall represent the North Carolina  
13 Medical Society and include one licensed pediatrician, one  
14 surgeon, ~~and one public health physician~~ physician, one  
15 neurologist focusing on stroke in an academic setting, one  
16 neurologist focusing on stroke in a certified primary stroke  
17 center, and one neurologist whose practice includes the  
18 treatment of stroke patients in a hospital that is not certified as a  
19 primary stroke center.

20 b. Three members shall represent the North Carolina College of  
21 Emergency Physicians, two of whom shall be current local  
22 EMS Medical Directors.

23 c. One member shall represent the North Carolina Chapter of the  
24 American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

25 d. One member shall represent the North Carolina Association of  
26 Rescue and Emergency Medical Services.

27 e. One member shall represent the North Carolina Association of  
28 EMS Administrators.

29 f. One member shall represent the North Carolina Hospital  
30 Association.

31 g. One member shall represent the North Carolina Nurses  
32 Association.

33 h. One member shall represent the North Carolina Association of  
34 County Commissioners.

35 i. One member shall represent the North Carolina Medical Board.

36 j. One member shall represent the American Heart Association,  
37 North Carolina Council.

38 k. One member shall represent the American Red Cross.

39 l. The remaining six members shall be appointed so as to fairly  
40 represent the general public, credentialed and practicing EMS  
41 personnel, EMS educators, local public health officials, and  
42 other EMS interest groups in North Carolina.

43 (2) Two members shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the  
44 recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1 (3) Two members shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the  
2 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

3 The membership of the Council shall, to the extent possible, reflect the gender and  
4 racial makeup of the population of the State.

5 (b) The members of the Council appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
6 section shall serve initial terms as follows:

7 (1) The members appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Health  
8 and Human Services shall serve initial terms as follows:

9 a. ~~Five-Six~~ members shall serve initial terms of one year;

10 b. ~~Five-Six~~ members shall serve initial terms of two years;

11 c. ~~Five-Six~~ members shall serve initial terms of three years; and

12 d. Six members shall serve initial terms of four years.

13 (2) The members appointed by the General Assembly upon the  
14 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall  
15 serve initial terms as follows:

16 a. One member shall serve an initial term of two years; and

17 b. One member shall serve an initial term of four years.

18 (3) The members appointed by the General Assembly upon the  
19 recommendation of the Speaker of the House of the Representatives  
20 shall serve initial terms as follows:

21 a. One member shall serve an initial term of two years; and

22 b. One member shall serve an initial term of four years.

23 Thereafter, all terms shall be four years.

24 (c) Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the Council created by the resignation,  
25 dismissal, death, or disability of a member shall be for the balance of the unexpired  
26 term. Vacancies on the Council among the membership nominated by a society,  
27 association, or foundation as provided in subsection (a) of this section shall be filled by  
28 appointment of the Secretary upon consideration of a nomination by the executive  
29 committee or other authorized agent of the society, association, or foundation until the  
30 next meeting of the society, association, or foundation at which time the society,  
31 association, or foundation shall nominate a member to fill the vacancy for the unexpired  
32 term.

33 (d) The members of the Council shall receive per diem and necessary travel and  
34 subsistence expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5.

35 (e) A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
36 business. All clerical and other services required by the Council shall be supplied by the  
37 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Facility Services, Office of  
38 Emergency Medical Services.

39 (f) The Council shall elect annually from its membership a chairperson and  
40 vice-chairperson upon a majority vote of the quorum present."

41 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective August 1, 2006.