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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 638**

February 12, 1998 – Offered by Representative JOHNSRUD.

1     **AN ACT to create** 15.197 (25) and 146.56 of the statutes; **relating to:** creating  
2             a statewide trauma care system, granting rule-making authority and making  
3             an appropriation.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

4             **SECTION 1.** 15.197 (25) of the statutes is created to read:

5             15.197 (25) TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL. (a) There is created in the department  
6             of health and family services a trauma advisory council. The trauma advisory  
7             council shall consist of the following members who have an interest and expertise in  
8             emergency medical services and who are appointed by the secretary of health and  
9             family services:

- 10            1. Four physicians who represent urban and rural areas.  
11            2. Two registered nurses, as defined in s. 146.40 (1) (f).

1           3. Two prehospital emergency medical services providers, including one  
2 representative of a municipality.

3           4. Two representatives of a rural hospital.

4           5. Two representatives of an urban hospital.

5           6. Two member of the emergency medical services board.

6           (b) In appointing the members under par. (a), the secretary of health and family  
7 services shall ensure that all geographic areas of the state are represented.

8           (c) This subsection does not apply beginning on July 1, 2001.

9           **SECTION 2.** 146.56 of the statutes is created to read:

10           146.56 STATEWIDE TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM. **(1)** Not later than July 1, 2001, the  
11 department shall develop and implement a statewide trauma care system. The  
12 department shall seek the advice of the statewide trauma advisory council under s.  
13 15.197 (25) in developing and implementing the system.

14           **(2)** The department shall promulgate rules to develop and implement the  
15 system. The rules shall include a method by which to classify all hospitals as to their  
16 respective emergency care capabilities. The classification rule shall be based on  
17 standards developed by the American College of Surgeons. Within 180 days after  
18 promulgation of the classification rule, and every 4 years thereafter, each hospital  
19 shall certify to the department the classification level of trauma care services that  
20 is provided by the hospital, based on the rule. The department may require a hospital  
21 to document the basis for its certification. The department may not direct a hospital  
22 to establish a certain level of certification.

23           **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

24           (1) STATEWIDE TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM; REPORT. The department of health and  
25 family services and the statewide trauma advisory council shall prepare a joint

1 report on the development and implementation of a statewide trauma care system.  
2 The report shall make recommendations on issues that need to be resolved in  
3 developing and implementing the system, including minimum services in rendering  
4 patient care; transport protocols; area trauma advisory councils and plans;  
5 development of a method to classify hospitals as to their respective emergency care  
6 capabilities and methods to make the resulting information available for public use;  
7 improving the communications systems between hospitals and prehospital elements  
8 of the trauma care system; development of a statewide trauma registry, including a  
9 data system to measure the effectiveness of trauma care and to develop ways to  
10 promote ongoing quality improvement; triage; interfacility transfers; enhancing the  
11 training and education of health care personnel involved in the provision of trauma  
12 care services; and monitoring adherence to rules. Not later than January 1, 2000,  
13 the department and the statewide trauma advisory council shall submit the report  
14 to the legislature in the manner provided under section 13.172 (2) of the statutes, to  
15 the joint committee on finance of the legislature as provided in subsection (2), to the  
16 governor and to the emergency medical services board.

17 (2) JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE REVIEW. The department of health and family  
18 services shall submit the report under subsection (1) to the joint committee on  
19 finance of the legislature for its review under section 13.10 of the statutes. The  
20 department of health and family services may not submit the rules under section  
21 146.56 (2) of the statutes, as created by this act, to the legislative council staff for  
22 review under section 227.15 of the statutes until the joint committee on finance  
23 approves the report under subsection (1).

24 **SECTION 4. Appropriation changes.**

