



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 638

December 2, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives JOHNSRUD, ROBSON, HASENOHRL, WASSERMAN, URBAN, HUBER, LAZICH, R. YOUNG, SYKORA, FREESE, OTT, BRANDEMUEHL, WIECKERT and PLOUFF, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ, ROSENZWEIG and RISSER. Referred to Committee on Health.

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.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill creates a statewide trauma advisory council (council) to advise the department of health and family services (DHFS) in the development of a statewide trauma care system. The council consists of 8 physicians, 4 registered nurses, 2 prehospital emergency medical services providers, a representative of a rural hospital, a representative of an urban hospital and a member of the emergency medical services board.

The bill directs DHFS and the council to develop and implement a statewide trauma care system and to prepare a report identifying issues that must be resolved in developing and implementing the system and to submit the report to the legislature, the governor and the emergency medical services board not later than July 1, 2000.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*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

1 council shall consist of the following members who have an interest and expertise in  
2 emergency medical services and who are appointed by the secretary of health and  
3 family services:

- 4 1. Eight physicians who represent urban and rural areas.
- 5 2. Four registered nurses, as defined in s. 146.40 (1) (f).
- 6 3. Two prehospital emergency medical services providers.
- 7 4. One representative of a rural hospital.
- 8 5. One representative of an urban hospital.
- 9 6. One member of the emergency medical services board.

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

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

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

14 **146.56 STATEWIDE TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM.** Not later than July 1, 2001, the  
15 department shall develop and implement a statewide trauma care system. The  
16 department shall seek the advice of the statewide trauma advisory council under s.  
17 15.197 (25) in developing and implementing the system. The department shall  
18 promulgate any necessary rules to develop and implement the system.

19 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

20 (1) STATEWIDE TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM; REPORT. The department of health and  
21 family services and the statewide trauma advisory council shall prepare a joint  
22 report on the development and implementation of a statewide trauma care system.  
23 The report shall make recommendations on issues that need to be resolved in  
24 developing and implementing the system, including minimum services in rendering  
25 patient care, transport protocols, area trauma advisory councils and plans,

1 designation and classification of trauma facilities, communications systems,  
2 development of a statewide trauma registry, continuing quality improvement,  
3 triage, interfacility transfers and monitoring adherence to rules. Not later than July  
4 1, 2000, the department and the statewide trauma advisory council shall submit the  
5 report to the legislature in the manner provided under s. 13.172 (2) and to the  
6 governor and the emergency medical services board.

7 **SECTION 4. Appropriation changes.**

8 (1) STATEWIDE TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3)  
9 of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of health and family services  
10 under section 20.435 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1997, the dollar  
11 amount is increased by \$54,000 for fiscal year 1998-99 to increase the authorized  
12 FTE positions for the department of health and family services by 1.0 GPR position  
13 to provide program planning analysis for the development and implementation of a  
14 statewide trauma care system and to fund the activities of the statewide trauma  
15 advisory council under section 15.197 (25) of the statutes, as created by this act.

16 (END)