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SENATE BILL NO. 200

Introduced by: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Office of
the Governor

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a statewide trauma system.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. Terms used in this Act mean:

4 (1) "Department," the Department of Health;

5 (2) "Emergency medical services," health care provided to the patient at the scene, during
6 transportation to a medical facility, between medical facilities, and upon entry at the
7 medical facility;

8 (3) "Hospital," a hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 34-12;

9 (4) "Trauma," a sudden, severe injury or damage to the body caused by an external force
10 that results in potentially life-threatening injuries or that could result in the following
11 disabilities:

12 (a) Impairment of cognitive or mental abilities;

13 (b) Impairment of physical functioning; or

14 (c) Disturbance of behavioral or emotional functioning;

15 (5) "Trauma care system," a statewide system for the prevention of trauma and the



1 provision of optimal medical care to trauma victims that includes both the provision
2 of appropriate health care services and provision of emergency medical care,
3 equipment, and personnel for effective and coordinated prehospital, hospital,
4 inter-hospital, and rehabilitative care for trauma patients;

5 (6) "Trauma hospital," a hospital designated by the department as providing a specialized
6 program in trauma care with appropriately trained personnel, equipment, and other
7 facility resources that are specifically organized to provide optimal care to a trauma
8 patient at the facility; and

9 (7) "Trauma registry," patient-specific trauma data that is maintained by a health care
10 facility, in a format prescribed by rules promulgated pursuant to section 3 of this Act.

11 Section 2. The department, with input from the Department of Public Safety, shall develop,
12 implement, and administer a trauma care system including a statewide trauma registry that
13 involves all hospitals and emergency medical services within the state.

14 Section 3. The department, with input from the Department of Public Safety, shall
15 promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to provide for a trauma care system and statewide
16 trauma registry. The rules shall include:

17 (1) Designation of the levels of trauma hospitals and the resources each hospital is
18 required to have concerning personnel, equipment, data collection, and organizational
19 capacity for each level;

20 (2) Prehospital emergency medical services triage and treatment protocols for trauma
21 patients; and

22 (3) Requirements for collection and release of trauma registry data.

23 Section 4. Each hospital shall meet the requirements of one of the designated levels of
24 trauma hospitals as provided for in section 3 of this Act by January 1, 2012. The department

- 1 may not direct a hospital to establish a certain level of designation.