

**Senate Bill No. 266**

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Passed the Senate September 7, 2005

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to add Section 1797.1995 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency services.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 266, Romero. Trauma care.

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act (EMS act), establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority within the California Health and Human Services Agency to provide, among other things, statewide coordination of county EMS programs, and administration of the Trauma Care Fund.

This bill would require the authority to establish a trauma care advisory committee consisting of 21 voting members. The bill would require the committee to develop a statewide trauma care plan, to present the plan to the authority, and to provide the plan to the Legislature along with the authority's comments by January 1, 2007.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1797.1995 is added to the Health and Safety Code, immediately following Section 1797.199, to read:

1797.1995. (a) The authority shall establish a trauma advisory committee. The committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) Twenty-one members appointed by the authority from representatives of all professions and entities related to trauma care, including, but not limited to, emergency room and trauma physicians and surgeons, nurses, administrators, hospitals, managed care providers, and prehospital and critical care transport. Appointments by the authority shall be made, with special consideration to the specific needs of pediatric trauma care and of rural areas.

(2) The following nonvoting members:

(A) The Governor's Deputy Legislative Secretary.

(B) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Health.

(C) The Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health.

(b) (1) The committee shall develop a recommended statewide trauma plan which shall be presented to the authority and provided to the Legislature along with the comments of the authority, by January 1, 2007. The statewide plan developed by the committee pursuant to this subdivision need not be approved by the authority prior to submission to the Legislature.

(2) The statewide plan shall include all aspects of a trauma care system, including, but not limited to, a statewide seamless transportation system addressing all possible gaps in coverage, all possible funding sources, including, but not limited to, taxes, fees, or services participation contributions in lieu thereof, from trauma care systems or professionals and all other stakeholders.

(3) The statewide plan developed pursuant to this subdivision shall not be implemented without further statutory authority.

(c) Notwithstanding Sections 7.5 and 7.6 of the Government Code, more than one of the nonvoting members may be represented by a deputy at any meeting of the committee.

(d) The authority may appoint members to the committee from the membership of its ad hoc trauma care advisory working group in existence immediately preceding January 1, 2006.

(e) Members of the committee shall not receive compensation, but shall receive reimbursement for those expenses, if any, that are not reimbursed from other sources, for their service on the committee. To the extent possible, the committee shall seek to reduce costs through the use of electronic communication systems, as appropriate.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

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*Governor*