

By: Senator(s) Simmons

To: Public Health and
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2736

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THAT DESIGNATED TRAUMA CARE CENTERS ELIGIBLE FOR
3 INDIGENT CARE FUNDING MAY BE LOCATED IN COUNTIES ADJOINING THE
4 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY
5 THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
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7 SECTION 1. Section 41-59-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 41-59-75. The Mississippi Trauma Care Systems Fund is
10 established. Five Dollars (\$5.00) collected from each assessment
11 of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) as provided in Section 41-59-61, and any
12 other funds made available for funding the trauma care system,
13 shall be deposited into the fund. Funds appropriated from the
14 Mississippi Trauma Care Systems Fund to the State Board of Health
15 shall be made available for department administration and
16 implementation of the comprehensive state trauma care plan for
17 distribution by the department to designated trauma care regions
18 for regional administration, for the department's trauma specific
19 public information and education plan, and to provide hospital and
20 physician indigent trauma care block grant funding to trauma
21 centers designated by the department. All designated trauma care
22 hospitals are eligible to contract with the department for these
23 funds. Designated trauma care centers may be located in any
24 county or political subdivision adjoining the State of
25 Mississippi, and are fully eligible to receive indigent care block
26 grant funding.

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after July 1, 1999.