

By: Representatives Barnett, Scott,  
Bondurant

To: Public Health and Human  
Services; Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1094

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL DEVELOP AND  
3 IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE HEART ATTACK AND STROKE ACUTE CARE SYSTEM TO  
4 REDUCE DEATH AND DISABILITY RESULTING FROM ACUTE HEART ATTACK AND  
5 STROKE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-59-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 41-59-5. (1) The State Board of Health shall establish and  
10 maintain a program for the improvement and regulation of emergency  
11 medical services (hereinafter EMS) in the State of Mississippi.  
12 The responsibility for implementation and conduct of this program  
13 shall be vested in the State Health Officer of the State Board of  
14 Health along with such other officers and boards as may be  
15 specified by law or regulation.

16 (2) The board shall provide for the regulation and licensing  
17 of public and private ambulance service, inspection and issuance  
18 of permits for ambulance vehicles, training and certification of  
19 EMS personnel, including drivers and attendants, the development  
20 and maintenance of a statewide EMS records program, development  
21 and adoption of EMS regulations, the coordination of an EMS  
22 communications system, and other related EMS activities.

23 (3) The board may promulgate and enforce such rules,  
24 regulations and minimum standards as needed to carry out the  
25 provisions of this chapter.

26 (4) The board may receive any funds appropriated to the  
27 board from the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund created  
28 in Section 41-59-61 and may, with the Emergency Medical Services

29 Advisory Council acting in an advisory capacity, \* \* \* administer  
30 the disbursement of those funds to the counties, municipalities  
31 and organized emergency medical service districts and the  
32 utilization of those funds by the same, as provided in Section  
33 41-59-61.

34 (5) (a) The department acting as the lead agency, in  
35 consultation with and having solicited advice from the EMS  
36 Advisory Council, shall develop a uniform nonfragmented inclusive  
37 statewide trauma care system that provides excellent patient care.  
38 It is the intent of the Legislature that the purpose of this  
39 system is to reduce death and disability resulting from traumatic  
40 injury, and in order to accomplish this goal, it is necessary to  
41 assign additional responsibilities to the department. The  
42 department is assigned the responsibility for creating,  
43 implementing and managing the statewide trauma care system. The  
44 department shall be designated as the lead agency for trauma care  
45 systems development. The department shall develop and administer  
46 trauma regulations that include, but are not limited to, the  
47 Mississippi Trauma Care System Plan, trauma system standards,  
48 trauma center designations, field triage, interfacility trauma  
49 transfer, EMS aero medical transportation, trauma data collection,  
50 trauma care system evaluation and management of state trauma  
51 systems funding. The department shall take the necessary steps to  
52 develop, adopt and implement the Mississippi Trauma Care System  
53 Plan and all associated trauma care system regulations necessary  
54 to implement the Mississippi trauma care system. The department  
55 shall cause the implementation of both professional and lay trauma  
56 education programs. These trauma educational programs shall  
57 include both clinical trauma education and injury prevention. As  
58 it is recognized that rehabilitation services are essential for  
59 traumatized individuals to be returned to active, productive  
60 lives, the department shall coordinate the development of the  
61 inclusive trauma system with the Mississippi Department of

62 Rehabilitation Services and all other appropriate rehabilitation  
63 systems.

64       **(b)** The State Board of Health may receive any funds  
65 appropriated to the board from the Mississippi Trauma Care System  
66 Fund created in Section 41-59-75. In addition, the board, with  
67 the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and the  
68 Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee acting in advisory  
69 capacities, may administer the disbursements of those funds  
70 according to adopted trauma care system regulations.

71       **(7) (a)** The department acting as the lead agency, in  
72 consultation with and having solicited advice from the Emergency  
73 Medical Services Advisory Council, shall develop a uniform  
74 nonfragmented inclusive statewide heart attack and stroke acute  
75 care system that provides excellent patient care. It is the  
76 intent of the Legislature that the purpose of this system is to  
77 reduce death and disability resulting from acute heart attack and  
78 stroke, and in order to accomplish this goal, it is necessary to  
79 assign additional responsibilities to the department. The  
80 department is assigned the responsibility for creating,  
81 implementing and managing the statewide heart attack and stroke  
82 acute care system. The department shall be designated as the lead  
83 agency for heart attack and stroke acute care systems development.  
84 The department shall develop and administer heart attack and  
85 stroke acute care regulations that include, but are not limited  
86 to, the Mississippi Heart Attack and Stroke Acute Care System  
87 Plan, heart attack and stroke acute care system standards, heart  
88 attack and stroke acute care center designations, field triage,  
89 interfacility heart attack and stroke transfer, EMS aero medical  
90 transportation, heart attack and stroke data collection, heart  
91 attack and stroke acute care system evaluation and management of  
92 any heart attack and stroke acute care systems funding. The  
93 department shall take the necessary steps to develop, adopt and  
94 implement the Mississippi Heart Attack and Stroke Acute Care

System Plan and all associated heart attack and stroke acute care system regulations necessary to implement the Mississippi heart attack and stroke acute care system. The department shall cause the implementation of both professional and lay heart attack and stroke education programs. These heart attack and stroke educational programs shall include both clinical heart attack and stroke education and risk factor prevention. As it is recognized that rehabilitation services are essential for heart attack and stroke survivors to be returned to active, productive lives, the department shall coordinate the development of the inclusive heart attack and stroke acute care system with the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and all other appropriate rehabilitation systems.

(b) The State Board of Health may receive any state, federal, and private funds made available for the heart attack and stroke acute care system. In addition, the board, with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and the Mississippi Task Force on Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention acting in advisory capacities, may administer the disbursements of those funds according to adopted heart attack and stroke acute care system regulations.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2004.