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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Hays moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 17 - 64

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) and subsection (14) of section 395.4001, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

395.4001 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(7) "Level II trauma center" means a trauma center that:

(a) Is verified by the department to be in substantial compliance with Level II trauma center standards and has been approved by the department to operate as a Level II trauma center or is designated pursuant to s. 395.4025(14).

(14) "Trauma center" means a hospital that has been



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14 verified by the department to be in substantial compliance with  
15 the requirements in s. 395.4025 and has been approved by the  
16 department to operate as a Level I trauma center, Level II  
17 trauma center, or pediatric trauma center, or is designated by  
18 the department as a Level II trauma center pursuant to  
19 s. 395.4025(14).

20 Section 2. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section  
21 395.401, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22 395.401 Trauma services system plans; approval of trauma  
23 centers and pediatric trauma centers; procedures; renewal.-

24 (1)

25 (k) It is unlawful for any hospital or other facility to  
26 hold itself out as a trauma center unless it has been so  
27 verified or designated pursuant to s. 395.4025(14).

28 Section 3. Subsection (14) of section 395.4025, Florida  
29 Statutes, is amended to read:

30 395.4025 Trauma centers; selection; quality assurance;  
31 records.-

32 (14) Notwithstanding the procedures established pursuant to  
33 subsections (1) through (13) in this section, hospitals located  
34 in areas with limited access to trauma center services shall be  
35 designated by the department as Level II trauma centers based on  
36 documentation of a valid certificate of trauma center  
37 verification from the American College of Surgeons. Areas with  
38 limited access to trauma center services are defined by the  
39 following criteria:

40 (a) The hospital is located in a trauma service area with a  
41 population greater than 600,000 persons but a population density  
42 of less than 225 persons per square mile; and



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43        (b) The hospital is located in a county with no verified  
44 trauma center; and

45        (c) The hospital is located at least 15 miles or 20 minutes  
46 travel time by ground transport from the nearest verified trauma  
47 center any other provisions of this section and rules adopted  
48 pursuant to this section, until the department has conducted the  
49 review provided under s. 395.402, only hospitals located in  
50 trauma services areas where there is no existing trauma center  
51 may apply.

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53 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

54 And the title is amended as follows:

55        Delete lines 2 - 5

56 and insert:

57        An act relating to health care facilities; amending s.  
58        395.4001, F.S.; revising the definition of the terms  
59        "level II trauma center" and "trauma center"; amending  
60        s. 395.401, F.S.; making conforming changes; amending  
61        s. 395.4025, F.S.; establishing criteria for  
62        designating Level II trauma centers in areas with  
63        limited access to trauma center services; amending s.  
64        408.036,